

## Rad-hard 14-bit 30 Msps A/D converter

Datasheet — production data

### Features

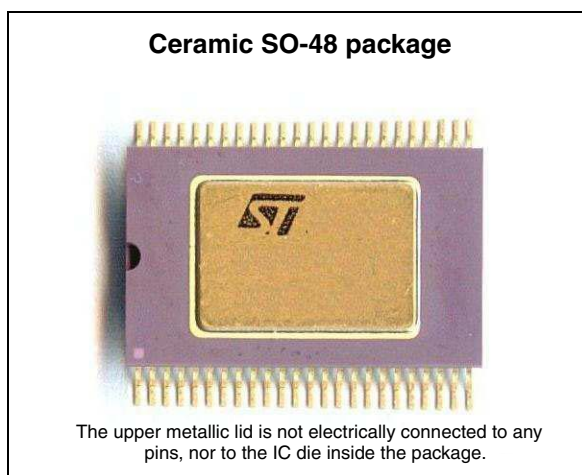
- Qml-V qualified, smd 5962-06260
- Rad hard: 300 kRad(Si) TID
- Failure immune (SEFI) and latch-up immune (SEL) up to 120 MeV-cm<sup>2</sup>/mg at 2.7 V and 125° C
- Hermetic package
- Tested at F<sub>s</sub> = 20 Msps
- Low power: 85 mW at 20 Msps
- Optimized for 2 V<sub>pp</sub> differential input
- High linearity and dynamic performances
- 2.5 V/3.3 V compatible digital I/O
- Internal reference voltage with external reference option

### Applications

- Digital communication satellites
- Space data acquisition systems
- Aerospace instrumentation
- Nuclear and high-energy physics

### Description

The RHF1401 is a 14-bit analog-to-digital converter that uses pure (ELDRS-free) CMOS 0.25 μm technology combining high performance, radiation robustness and very low power consumption.



The RHF1401 is based on a pipeline structure and digital error correction to provide excellent static linearity. Specifically designed to optimize power consumption, the device only dissipates 85 mW at 20 Msps, while maintaining a high level of performance. The device also integrates a proprietary track-and-hold structure to ensure a large effective resolution bandwidth.

Voltage references are integrated in the circuit to simplify the design and minimize external components. A tri-state capability is available on the outputs to allow common bus sharing. A data-ready signal, which is raised when the data is valid on the output, can be used for synchronization purposes.

The RHF1401 has an operating temperature range of -55° C to +125° C and is available in a small 48-pin ceramic SO-48 package.

**Table 1. Device summary**

Order code	SMD pin	Quality level	Package	Lead finish	Mass	EPPL	Temp range
RHF1401KSO1	-	Engineering model	SO-48	Gold	1.1 g	-	-55 °C to +125 °C
RHF1401KSO-01V	5962F0626001VXC	QMLV-Flight					

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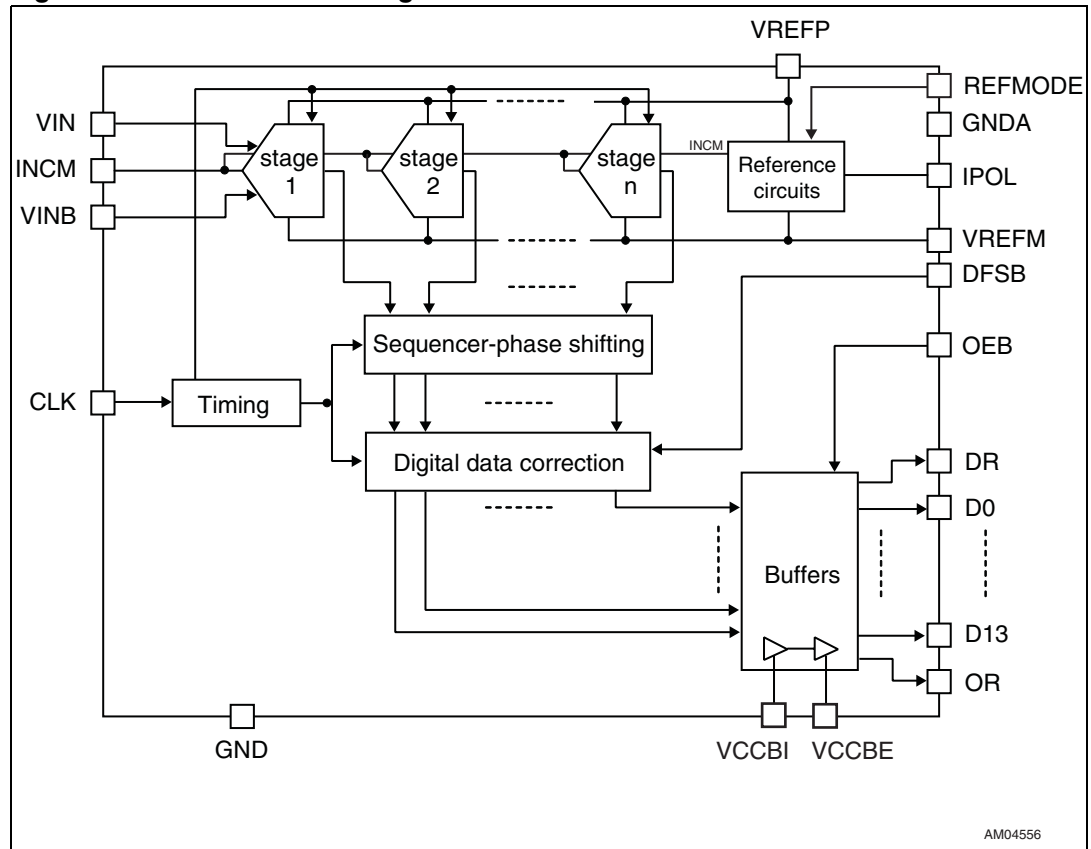
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# 1 Description

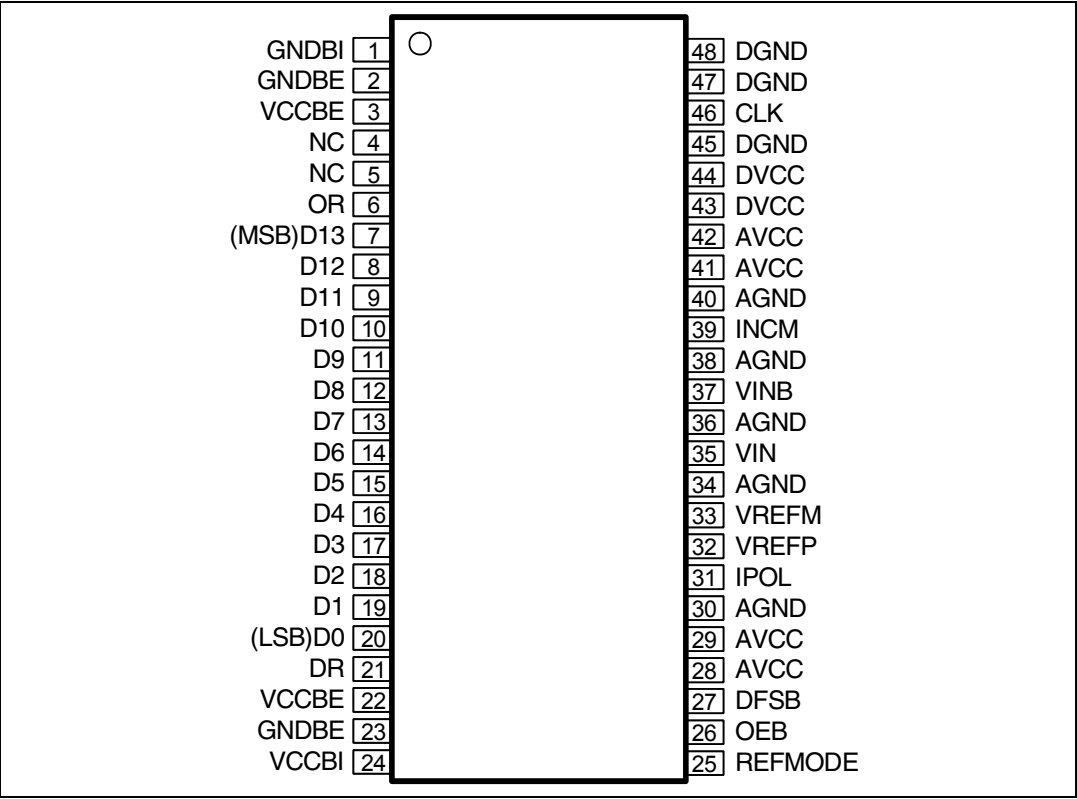
## 1.1 Block diagram

Figure 1. RHF1401 block diagram



1.2 Pin connections

Figure 2. pin connections (top view)



## 1.3 Pin descriptions

**Table 2. Pin descriptions**

Pin	Name	Description	Observations	Pin	Name	Description	Observations
1	GNDBI	Digital buffer ground	0 V	25	REFMODE	Ref. mode control input	2.5 V/3.3 V CMOS input
2	GNDBE	Digital buffer ground	0 V	26	OEB	Output enable input	2.5 V/3.3 V CMOS input
3	VCCBE	Digital buffer power supply	2.5 V/3.3 V	27	DFSB	Data format select input	2.5 V/3.3 V CMOS input
4		NC	Not connected to the dice	28	AVCC	Analog power supply	2.5 V
5		NC	Not connected to the dice	29	AVCC	Analog power supply	2.5 V
6	OR	Out of range output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	30	AGND	Analog ground	0 V
7	D13(MSB)	Most significant bit output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	31	IPOL	Analog bias current input	
8	D12	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	32	VREFP	Top voltage reference	Can be external or internal
9	D11	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	33	VREFM	Bottom voltage reference	0 V
10	D10	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	34	AGND	Analog ground	0 V
11	D9	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	35	VIN	Analog input	1 V <sub>pp</sub>
12	D8	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	36	AGND	Analog ground	0 V
13	D7	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	37	VINB	Inverted analog input	1 V <sub>pp</sub>
14	D6	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	38	AGND	Analog ground	0 V
15	D5	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	39	INCM	Input common mode	Can be external or internal
16	D4	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	40	AGND	Analog ground	0 V
17	D3	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	41	AVCC	Analog power supply	2.5 V
18	D2	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	42	AVCC	Analog power supply	2.5 V
19	D1	Digital output	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	43	DVCC	Digital power supply	2.5 V
20	D0(LSB)	Digital output LSB	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	44	DVCC	Digital power supply	2.5 V
21	DR	Data ready output <sup>(1)</sup>	CMOS output (2.5 V/3.3 V)	45	DGND	Digital ground	0 V
22	VCCBE	Digital buffer power supply	2.5 V/3.3 V	46	CLK	Clock input	2.5 V compatible CMOS input
23	GNDBE	Digital buffer ground	0 V	47	DGND	Digital ground	0 V
24	VCCBI	Digital buffer power supply	2.5 V	48	DGND	Digital ground	0 V

1. See load considerations in [Chapter 2.2: Timing characteristics](#).

1.4 Equivalent circuits

Figure 3. Analog inputs

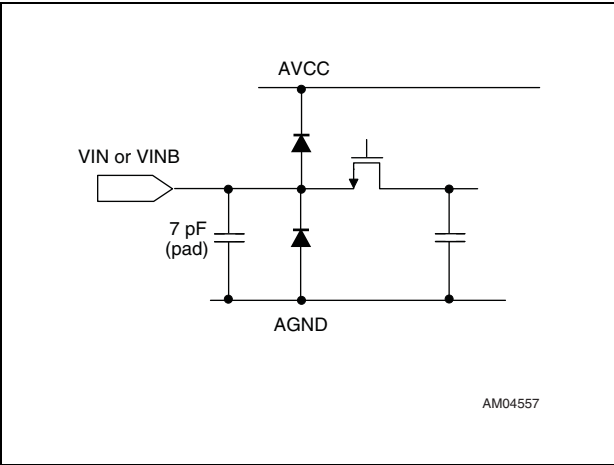


Figure 4. Output buffers

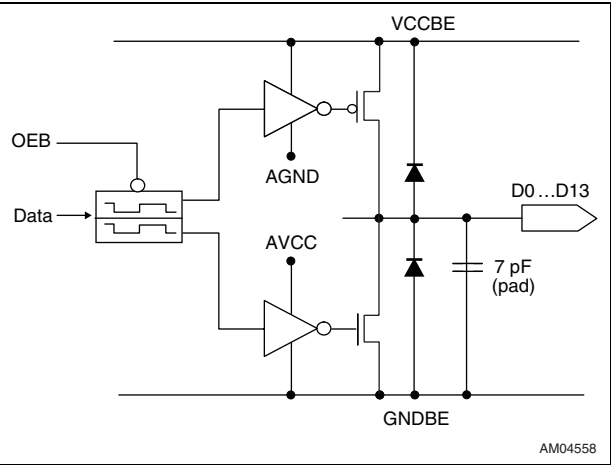


Figure 5. Clock input

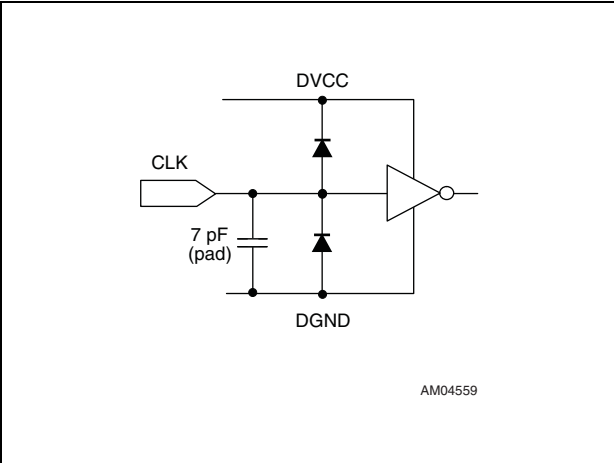


Figure 6. Data format input

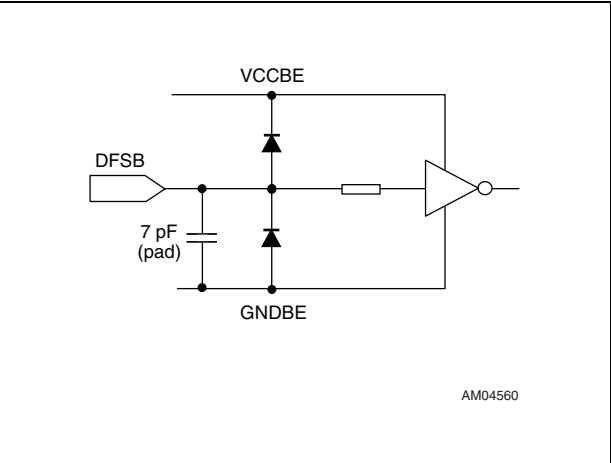


Figure 7. Reference mode control input

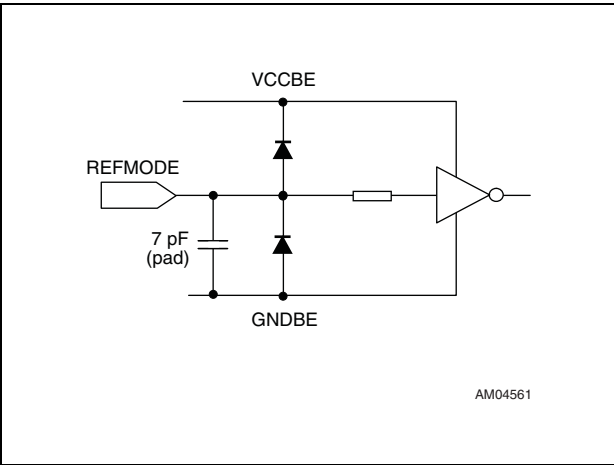


Figure 8. Output enable input

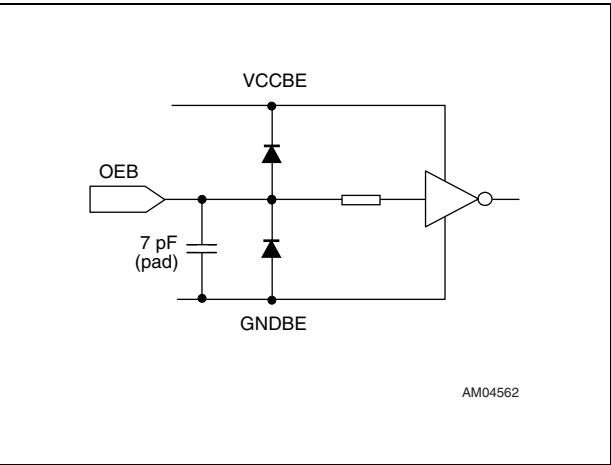


Figure 9. VREFP and INCM input

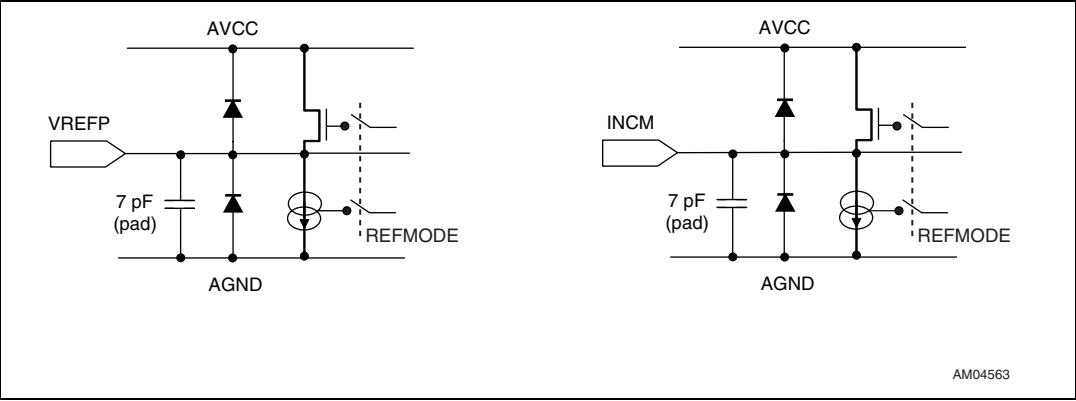
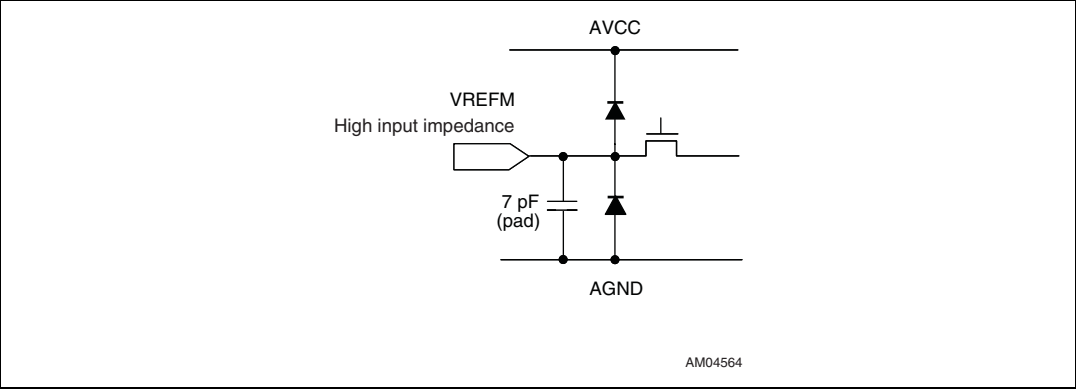


Figure 10. VREFM input





## 2 Electrical characteristics

### 2.1 Absolute maximum ratings and operating conditions

**Table 3. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Values	Unit
$AV_{CC}$	Analog supply voltage	3.3	V
$DV_{CC}$	Digital supply voltage	3.3	V
$V_{CCBI}$	Digital buffer supply voltage	3.3	V
$V_{CCBE}$	Digital buffer supply voltage	3.6	V
$V_{IN}$ $V_{INB}$	Analog inputs: bottom limit $\Rightarrow$ top limit	-0.6 V $\Rightarrow$ $AV_{CC}+0.6$ V	V
$V_{REFP}$ $V_{INCM}$	External references: bottom limit $\Rightarrow$ top limit	-0.6 V $\Rightarrow$ $AV_{CC}+0.6$ V	V
$I_{Dout}$	Digital output current	-100 to 100	mA
$T_{stg}$	Storage temperature	-65 to +150	°C
$R_{thjc}$	Thermal resistance junction to case	22	°C/W
$R_{thja}$	Thermal resistance junction to ambient	125	°C/W
ESD	HBM (human body model) <sup>(1)</sup>	2	kV

1. Human body model: a 100 pF capacitor is charged to the specified voltage, then discharged through a 1.5 k $\Omega$  resistor between two pins of the device. This is done for all couples of connected pin combinations while the other pins are floating.

**Table 4. Operating conditions**

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$AV_{CC}$	Analog supply voltage	2.3	2.5	2.7	V
$DV_{CC}$	Digital supply voltage	2.3	2.5	2.7	V
$V_{CCBI}$	Digital internal buffer supply	2.3	2.5	2.7	V
$V_{CCBE}$	Digital output buffer supply	2.3	2.5	3.4	V
$V_{REFP}$	Forced top voltage reference	0.8	1	1.4	V
$V_{REFM}$	Bottom external reference voltage	0	0	0.5	V
$V_{INCM}$	Forced common mode voltage	0.2	0.5	1.1	V
$V_{IN}$	Max. voltage versus GND		1	1.6 <sup>(1)</sup>	V
$V_{INB}$	Min. voltage versus GND	-0.2	GND		V
DFSB	Digital inputs	0		$V_{CCBE}$	V
REFMODE					
OEB					

1. See [Figure 25](#). for differential input and [Figure 42](#). to [Figure 49](#). for single-ended.

## 2.2 Timing characteristics

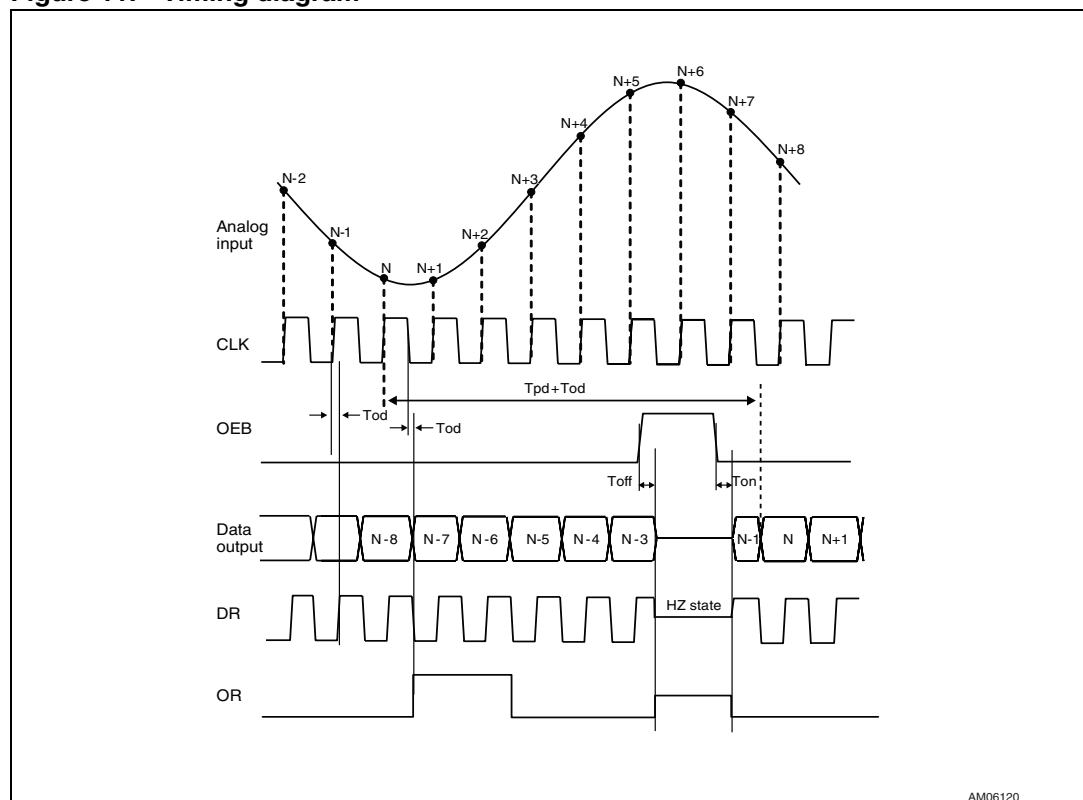
**Table 5. Timing characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
DC	Clock duty cycle	$F_s = 20$ Msps	45	50	65	%
$T_{od}$	Data output delay (fall of clock to data valid) <sup>(1)</sup>	10 pF load capacitance	5	7.5	13	ns
$T_{pd}$	Data pipeline delay <sup>(2)</sup>	Duty cycle = 50%	7.5	7.5	7.5	cycles
$T_{on}$	Falling edge of OEB to digital output valid data			1		ns
$T_{off}$	Rising edge of OEB to digital output tri-state			1		ns
$T_{rD}$	Data rising time	10 pF load capacitance		6		ns
$T_{fD}$	Data falling time	10 pF load capacitance		3		ns

1. As per [Figure 11](#).

2. If the duty cycle does not equal 50%:  $T_{pd} = 7 \text{ cycles} + \text{CLK pulse width}$ .

**Figure 11. Timing diagram**



The input signal is sampled on the rising edge of the clock while the digital outputs are synchronized on the falling edge of the clock. The duty cycles on DR and CLK are the same.

The rising and falling edges of the OR pin are synchronized with the falling edge of the DR pin.

## 2.3 Electrical characteristics (after 300 kRad)

Unless otherwise specified, the test conditions in the following tables are:

AVCC = DVCC = VCCBI = VCCBE = 2.5 V,  $F_s = 20$  Msps,  $F_{IN} = 15$  MHz,  $V_{IN}$  at -1 dBFS,  $V_{REFP} = 1$  V,  $V_{INCM} = 0.5$  V,  $V_{REFM} = 0$  V,  $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Table 6. Analog inputs**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{IN}-V_{INB}$	Full-scale reference voltage (FS) <sup>(1)</sup>	$V_{REFP} = 1$ V (forced) $V_{REFM} = 0$ V		2		V <sub>pp</sub>
$C_{IN}$	Input capacitance			7		pF
$Z_{IN}$	Input impedance	$F_s = 20$ Msps		3.3		kΩ
ERB	Effective resolution bandwidth <sup>(1)</sup>			70		MHz

1. See [Chapter 4: Definitions of specified parameters on page 33](#) for more information.

**Table 7. Internal reference voltage**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{out}$	Output resistance of internal reference	REFMODE = 0 internal reference on		30		Ω
		REFMODE = 1 internal reference off		7.5		kΩ
$V_{REFP}$	Top internal reference voltage <sup>(1)</sup>	REFMODE = 0	0.76	0.84	0.95	V
$V_{INCM}$	Input common mode voltage	REFMODE = 0	0.40	0.44	0.50	V

1.  $V_{REFM}$  connected to GND.

**Table 8. External reference voltage<sup>(1)</sup>**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{REFP}$	Forced top reference voltage	REFMODE = 1	0.8		1.4	V
$V_{REFM}$	Forced bottom ref voltage	REFMODE = 1	0		0.5	V
$V_{INCM}$	Forced common mode voltage	REFMODE = 1	0.2		1.1	V

1. See [Figure 59](#) & [Figure 60](#)

**Table 9. Static accuracy**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
DNL	Differential non-linearity <sup>(1)</sup>	$F_{in} = 1.5$ Msps $V_{in}$ at -1 dBFS $F_s = 1.5$ Msps		±0.4		LSB
INL	Integral non-linearity <sup>(2)</sup>			±3		LSB
	Monotonicity and no missing codes		Guaranteed			

1. See [Figure 33](#) and [Chapter 4](#) for more information. This parameter is not tested.

2. See [Figure 34](#) and [Chapter 4](#) for more information. This parameter is not tested.

Table 10. Digital inputs and outputs

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Clock input</b>						
CT	Clock threshold	$DV_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V}$		1.25		V
CA	Square clock amplitude (DC component = 1.25 V)	$DV_{CC} = 2.5\text{ V}$	0.8		2.5	V <sub>pp</sub>
<b>Digital inputs</b>						
V <sub>IL</sub>	Logic "0" voltage	$V_{CCBE} = 2.5\text{ V}$	0		$0.25 \times V_{CCBE}$	V
V <sub>IH</sub>	Logic "1" voltage	$V_{CCBE} = 2.5\text{ V}$	$0.75 \times V_{CCBE}$		$V_{CCBE}$	V
<b>Digital outputs</b>						
V <sub>OL</sub>	Logic "0" voltage	$I_{OL} = -10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$		0	0.25	V
V <sub>OH</sub>	Logic "1" voltage	$I_{OH} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$	$V_{CCBE} - 0.25$			V
I <sub>OZ</sub>	High impedance leakage current	OEB set to V <sub>IH</sub>	-15		15	$\mu\text{A}$
C <sub>L</sub>	Output load capacitance	High CLK frequencies			15	pF

Table 11. Dynamic characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
SFDR	Spurious free dynamic range	$F_{in} = 15\text{ MHz}$ $F_s = 20\text{ Msps}$ $V_{in}$ at -1 dBFS internal references $C_L = 6\text{ pF}$	70	91		dBFS
SNR	Signal to noise ratio		66	70		dB
THD	Total harmonic distortion		70	86		dB
SINAD	Signal to noise and distortion ratio		65	70		dB
ENOB	Effective number of bits		10.6	11.5		bits

Higher values of SNR, SINAD and ENOB can be obtained by increasing the full-scale range of the analog input if the sampling frequency allows it.

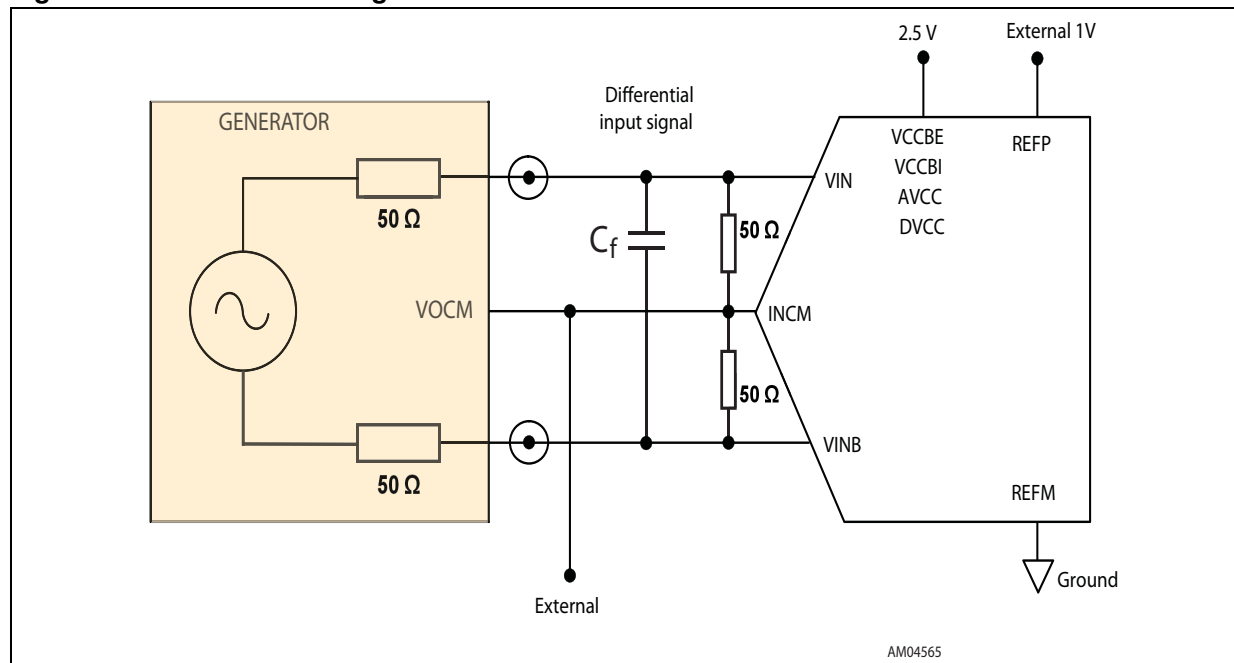
## 2.4 Results for differential input

### Setup

- $AVCC = DVCC = VCCBI = VCCBE = 2.5V$
- $VREFP = 1V$
- $VREFM = 0V$
- $INCM = V_{in}/2$
- $REFMODE = 1$  (internal references are disabled)
- $V_{in} = \text{full scale} - 0.3 \text{ dB}$
- $T_{amb} = 25^{\circ}C$
- A square clock is applied

Unless other test conditions are specified.

**Figure 12. Differential configuration**



$C_f$  is a filter capacitor to cut the HF noise. Its value is 10 nF for input frequencies equal to or below 20 kHz. The value of the capacitor is divided by two when the input frequency is multiplied by 2.

Figure 13. ENOB vs. input frequency

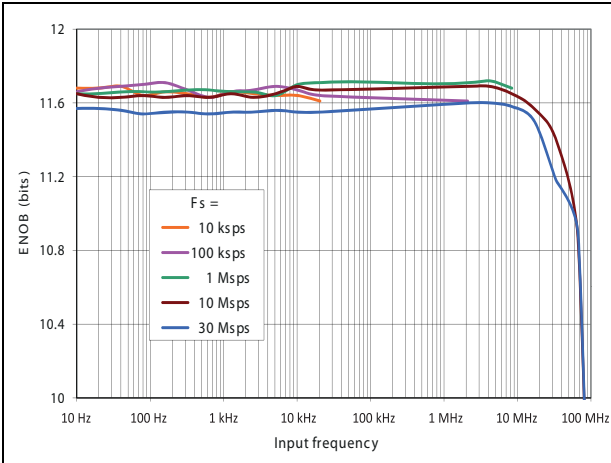


Figure 14. SINAD vs. input frequency

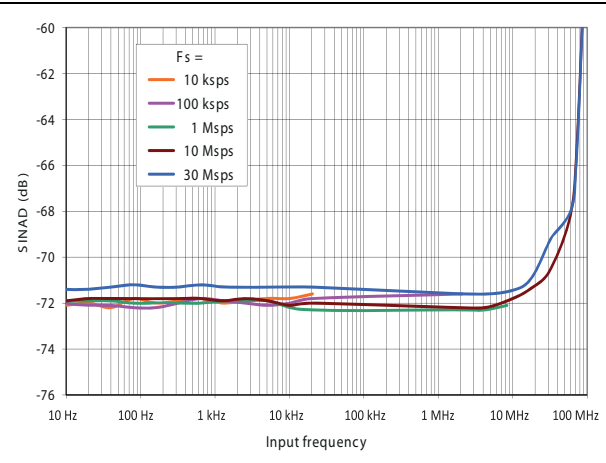


Figure 15. THD vs. input frequency

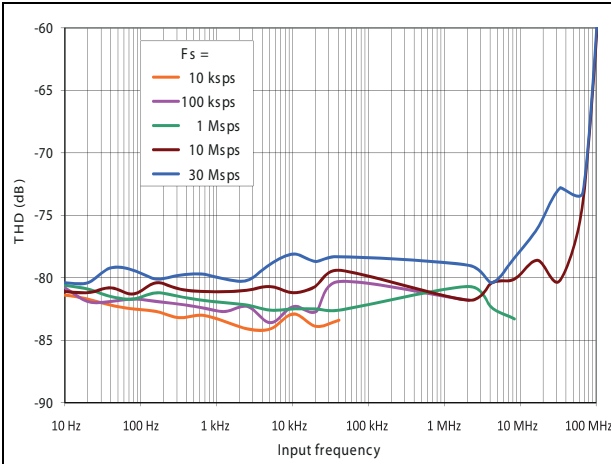


Figure 16. SNR vs. input frequency

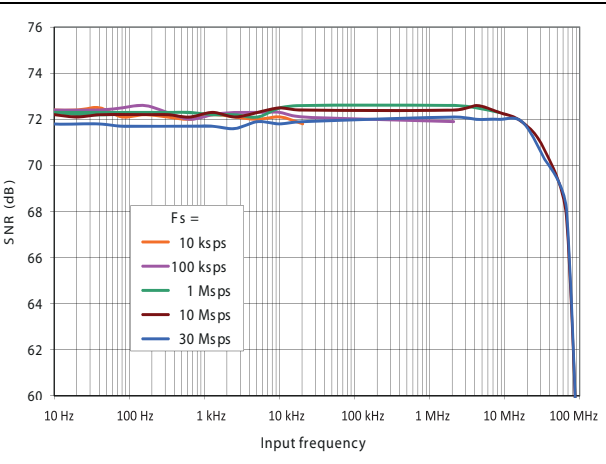


Figure 17. SFDR vs. input frequency

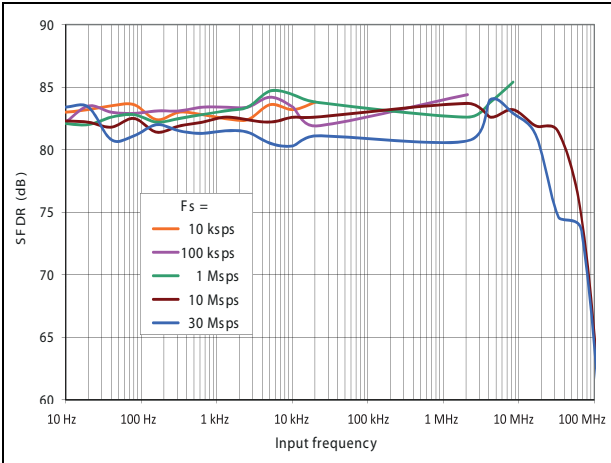


Figure 18. Consumption vs. input frequency

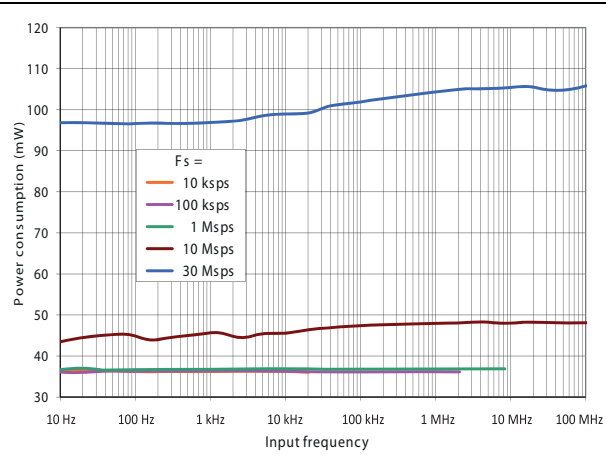


Figure 19. ENOB vs. sampling frequency

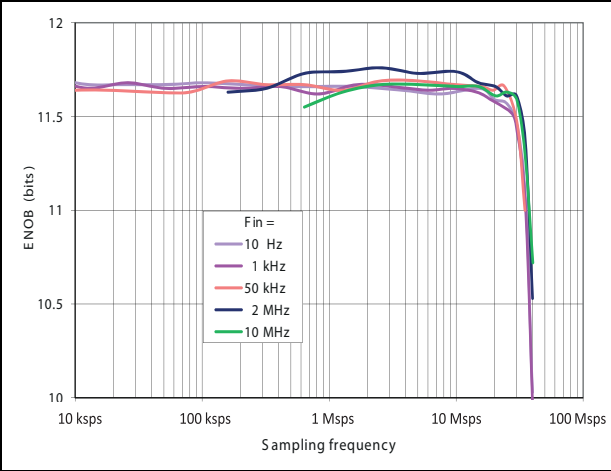


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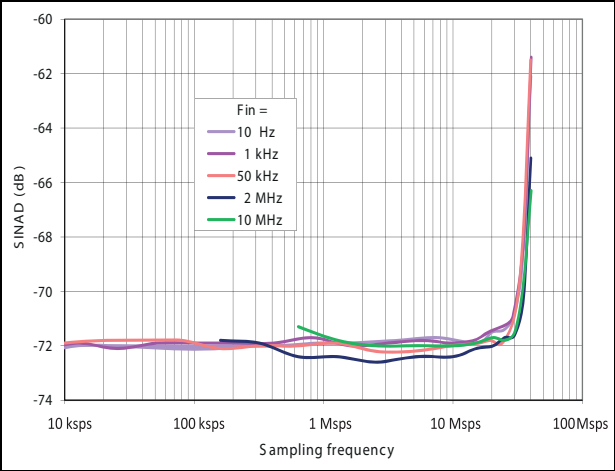


Figure 21. THD vs. sampling frequency

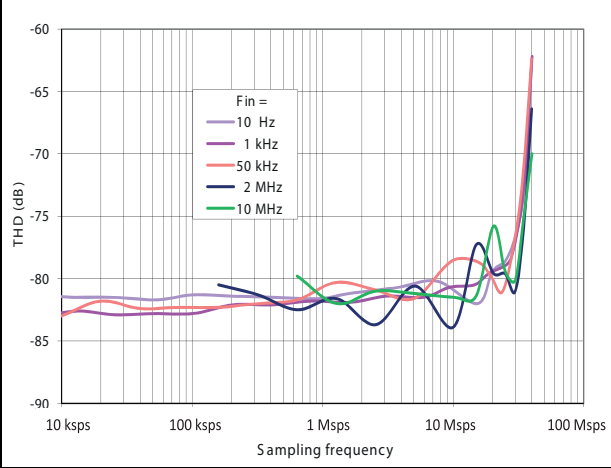


Figure 22. SNR vs. sampling frequency

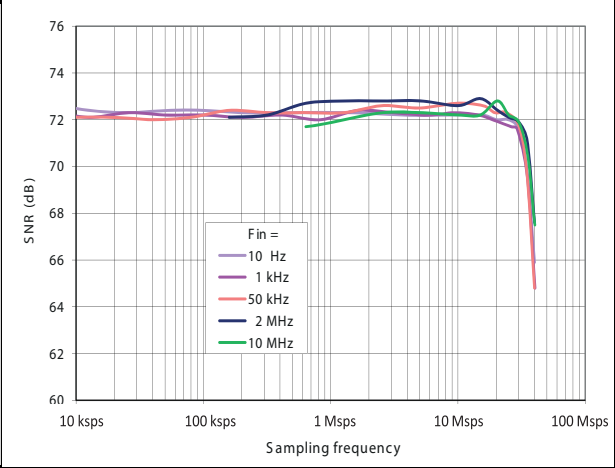


Figure 23. SFDR vs. sampling frequency

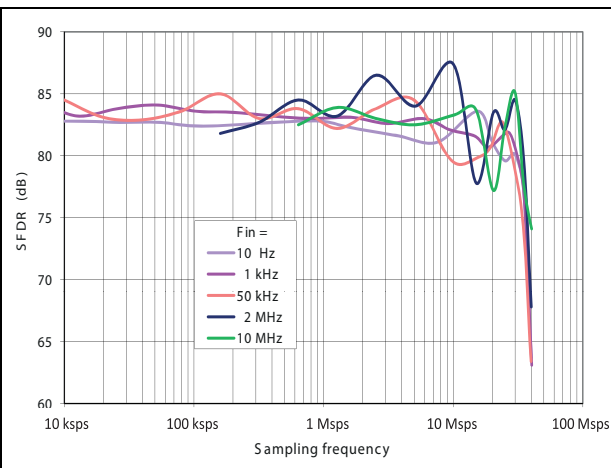


Figure 24. Power consumption vs. sampling frequency

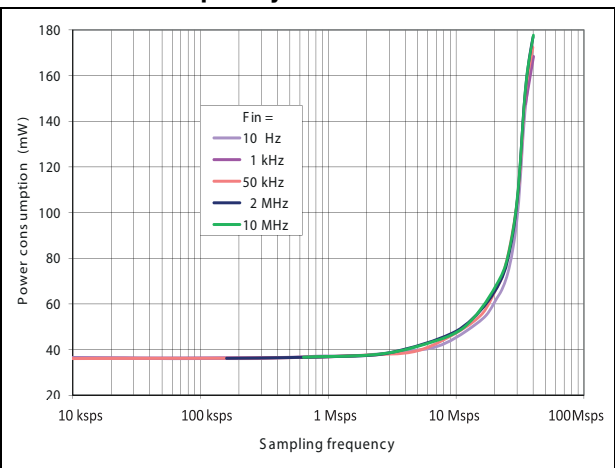


Figure 25. ENOB vs. VREFP

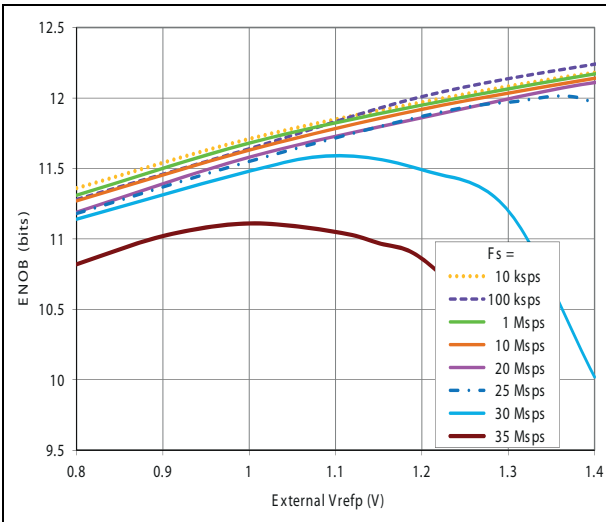


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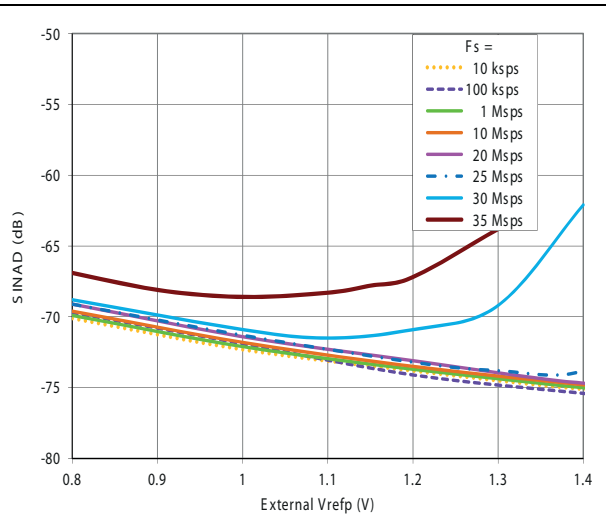


Figure 27. SNR vs. VREFP

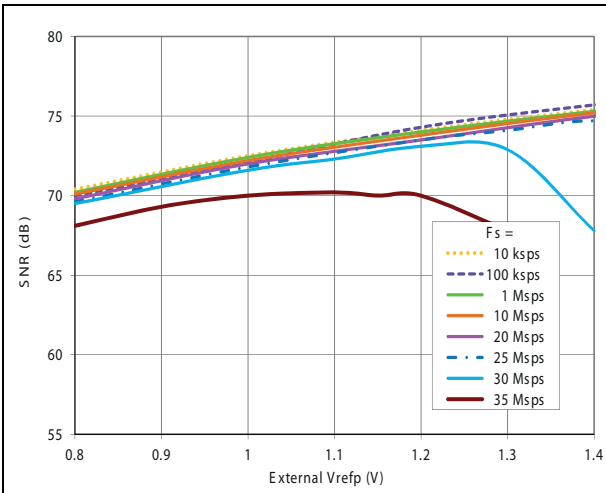


Figure 28. THD vs. VREFP

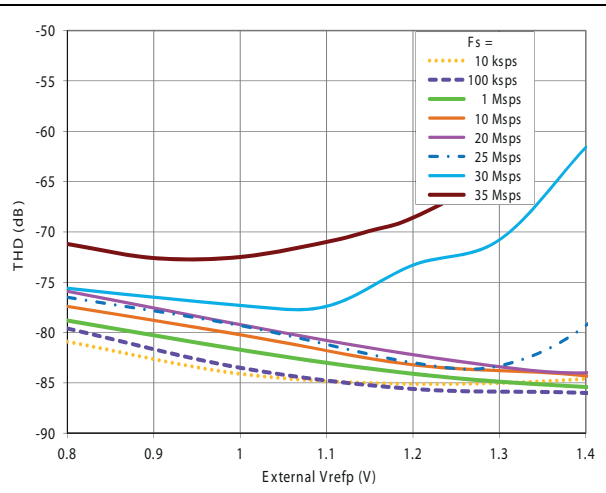


Figure 29. ENOB vs. sine clock, diff. input

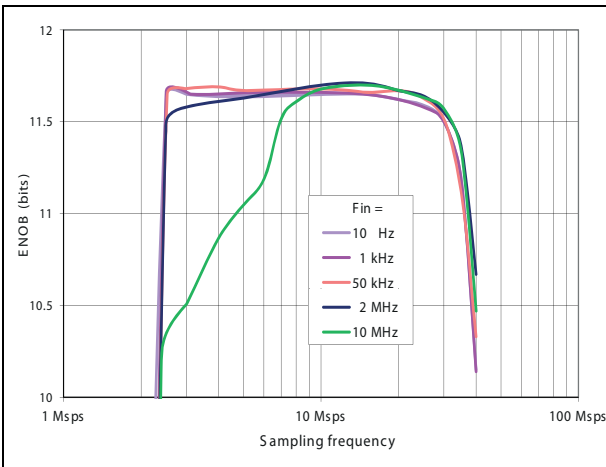


Figure 30. Clock threshold vs. temperature

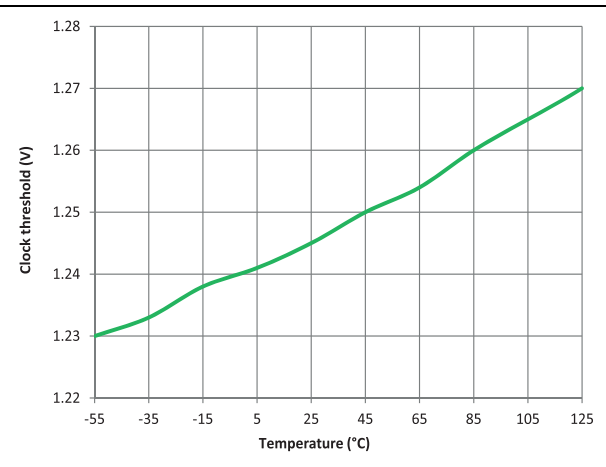




Figure 31. ENOB vs. temperature

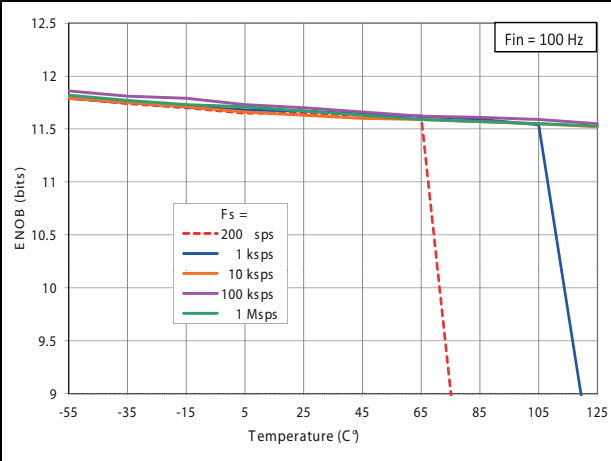


Figure 32. Power consumption vs. temp.

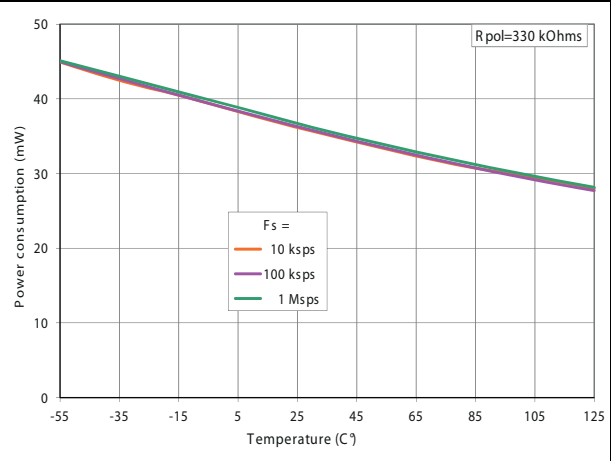


Figure 33. DNL, differential input

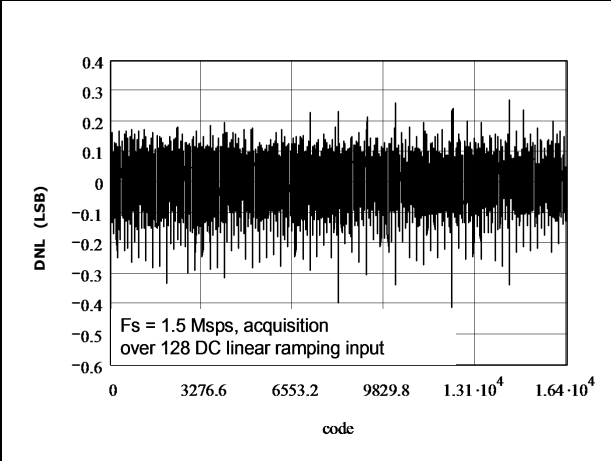
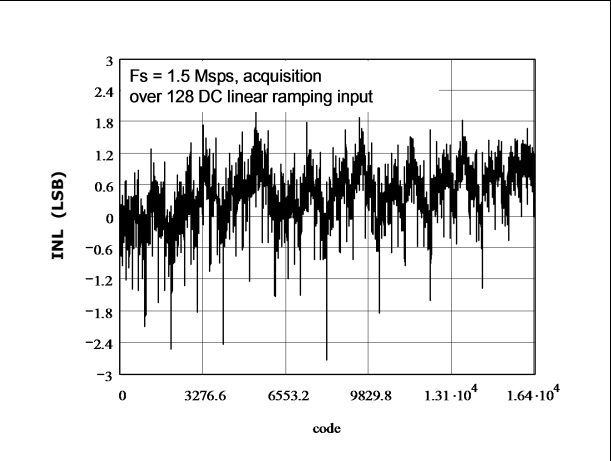


Figure 34. INL, differential input



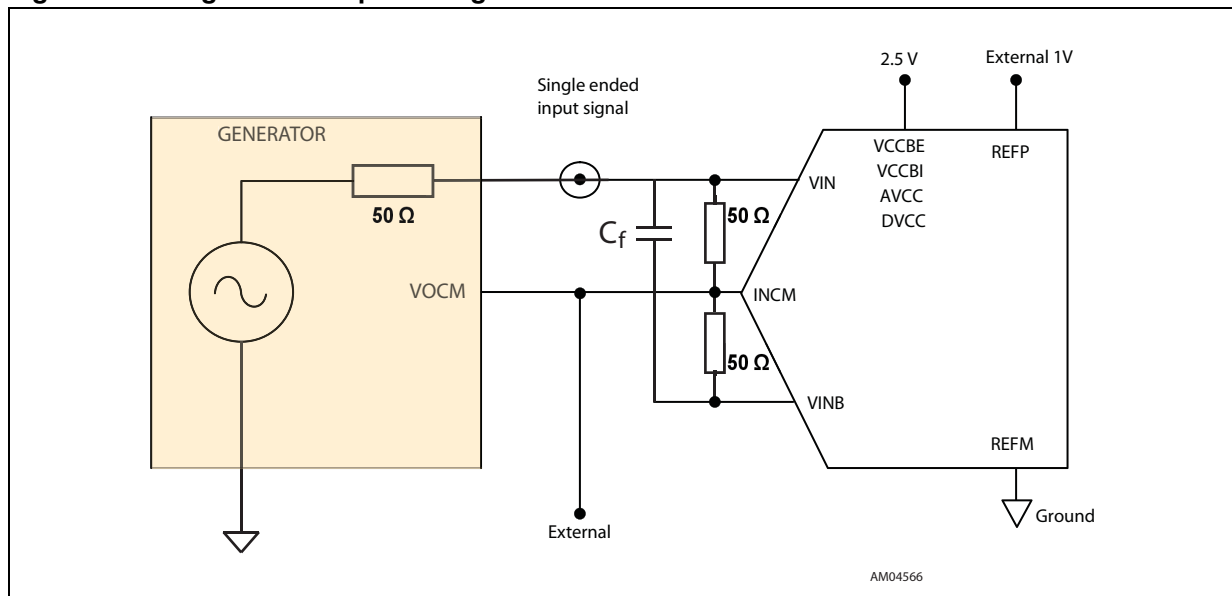
## 2.5 Results for single ended input

### Setup

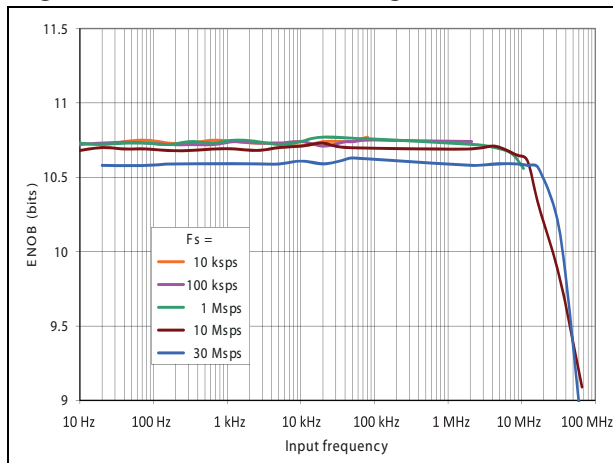
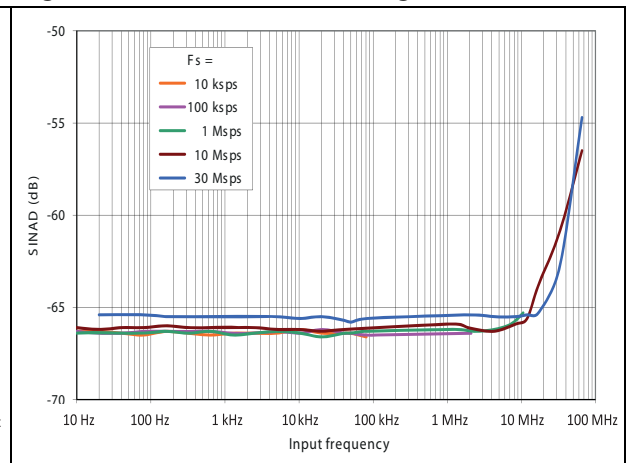
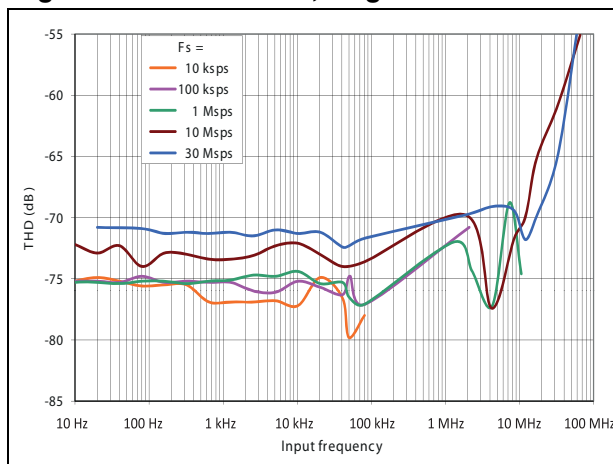
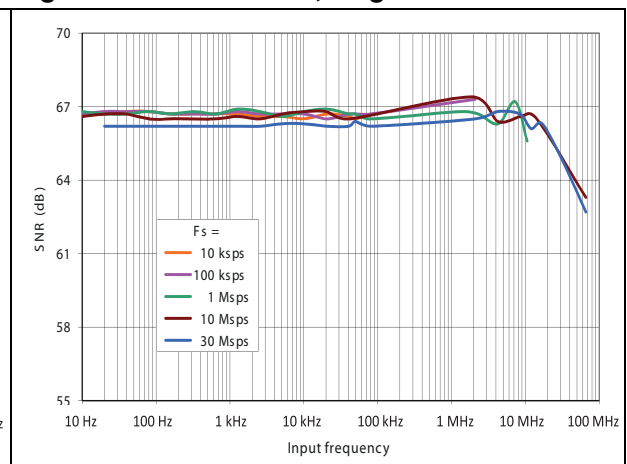
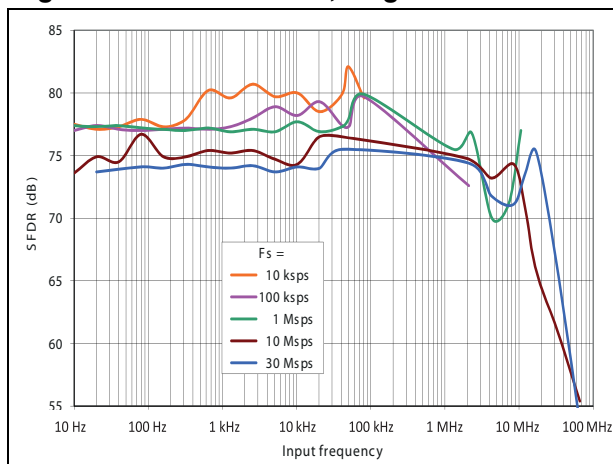
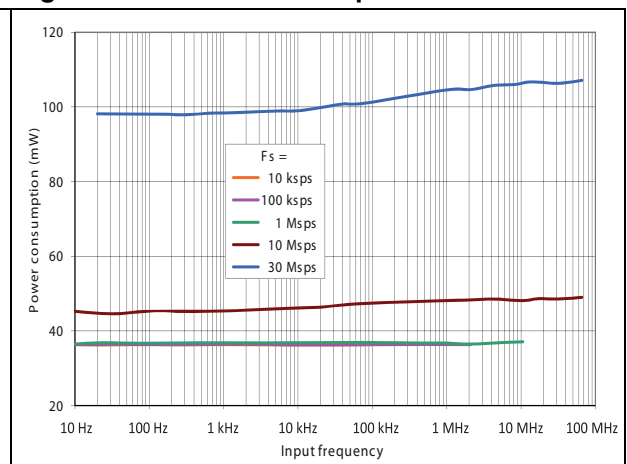
- $AVCC = DVCC = VCCBI = VCCBE = 2.5V$
- $VREFP = 1V$
- $VREFM = 0V$
- $INCM = V_{in}/2$
- $REFMODE = 1$  (internal references are disabled)
- $V_{in}$  = full scale - 0.3 dB
- $T_{amb} = 25C^{\circ}$
- A square clock is applied

Unless other test conditions are specified.

**Figure 35. Single-ended input configuration**



$C_f$  is a filter capacitor to cut the HF noise. Its value is 10 nF for input frequencies equal to or below 20 kHz. The value of the capacitor is divided by two when the input frequency is multiplied by 2.

Figure 36. ENOB vs.  $F_{in}$ , single-endedFigure 37. SINAD vs.  $F_{in}$ , single-endedFigure 38. THD vs.  $F_{in}$ , single-endedFigure 39. SNR vs.  $F_{in}$ , single-endedFigure 40. SFDR vs.  $F_{in}$ , single-endedFigure 41. Power consumption vs.  $F_{in}$ 

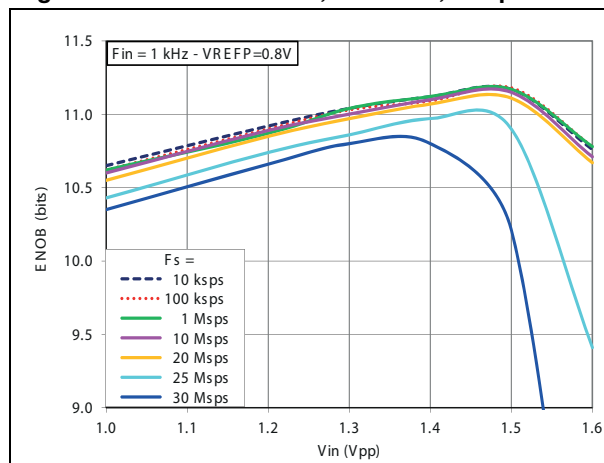
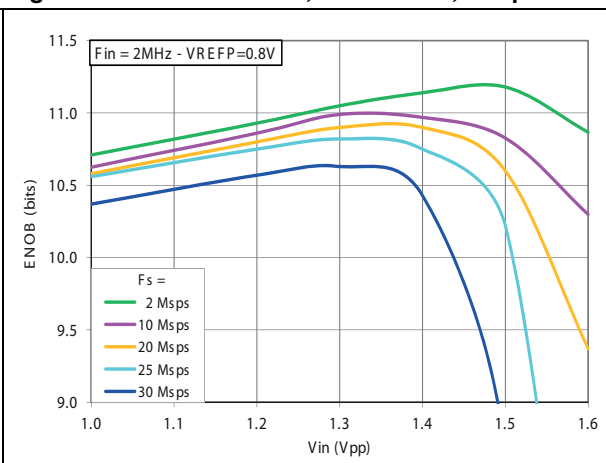
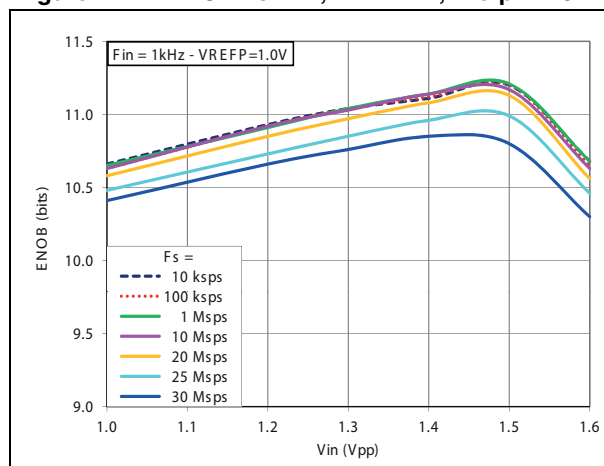
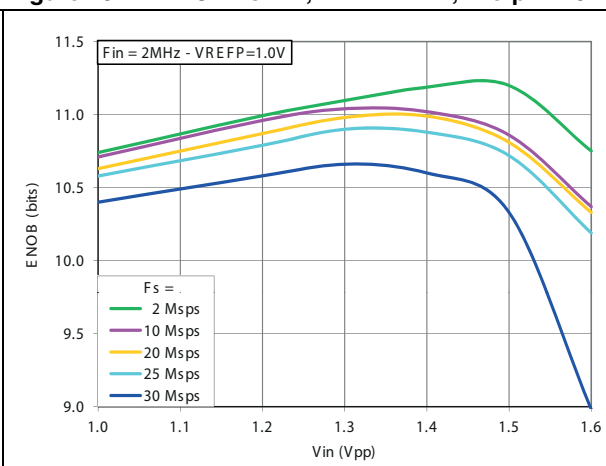
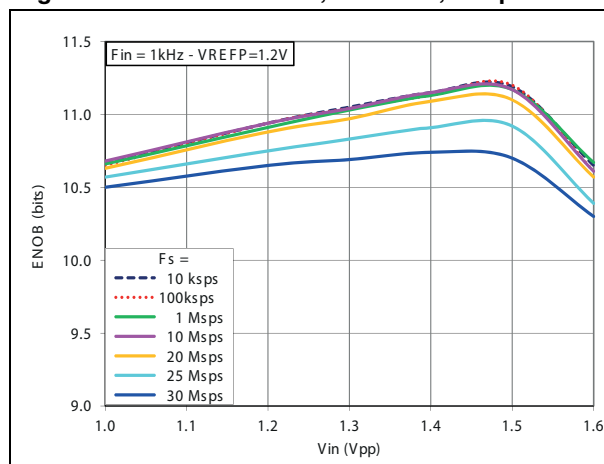
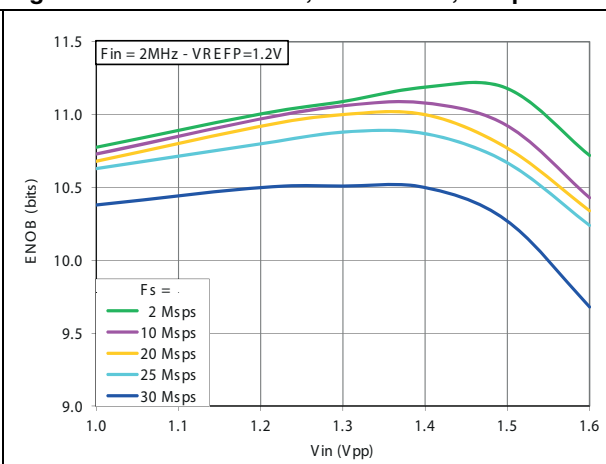
**Figure 42. ENOB vs.  $V_{in}$ ,  $F_{in}$  1 kHz,  $V_{refp} = 0.8$  V****Figure 43. ENOB vs  $V_{in}$ ,  $F_{in}$  = 2 MHz,  $V_{refp} = 0.8$  V****Figure 44. ENOB vs.  $V_{in}$ ,  $F_{in}$  1 kHz,  $V_{refp} = 1.0$  V****Figure 45. ENOB vs  $V_{in}$ ,  $F_{in}$  = 2 MHz,  $V_{refp} = 1.0$  V****Figure 46. ENOB vs.  $V_{in}$ ,  $F_{in}$  1 kHz,  $V_{refp} = 1.2$  V****Figure 47. ENOB vs  $V_{in}$ ,  $F_{in}$  = 2 MHz,  $V_{refp} = 1.2$  V**

Figure 48. ENOB vs. Vin, Fin 1 kHz, Vrefp = 1.4 V

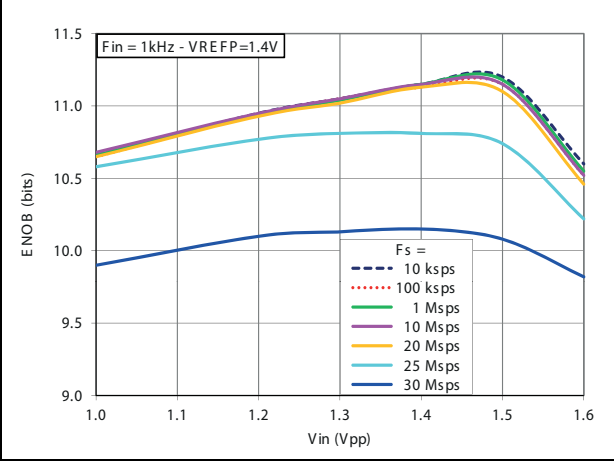
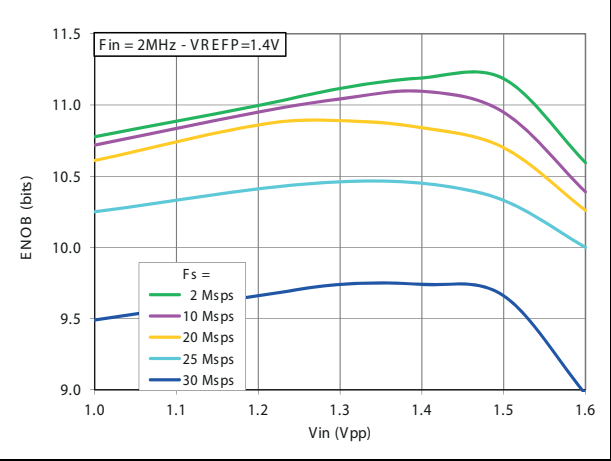


Figure 49. ENOB vs Vin, Fin = 2 MHz, Vrefp = 1.4 V



## 3 User manual

### 3.1 Optimizing the power consumption

The polarization current in the input stage is set by an external resistor ( $R_{pol}$ ). When selecting the resistor value, it is possible to optimize the power consumption according to the sampling frequency of the application. For this purpose, an external  $R_{pol}$  resistor is placed between the IPOL pin and the analog ground.

The values in [Figure 50](#) are achieved with  $V_{REFP} = 1\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{REFM} = 0\text{ V}$ ,  $INCM = 0.5\text{ V}$  and the input signal is 2 Vpp with a differential DC connection. If the conditions are changed, the  $R_{pol}$  resistor varies slightly.

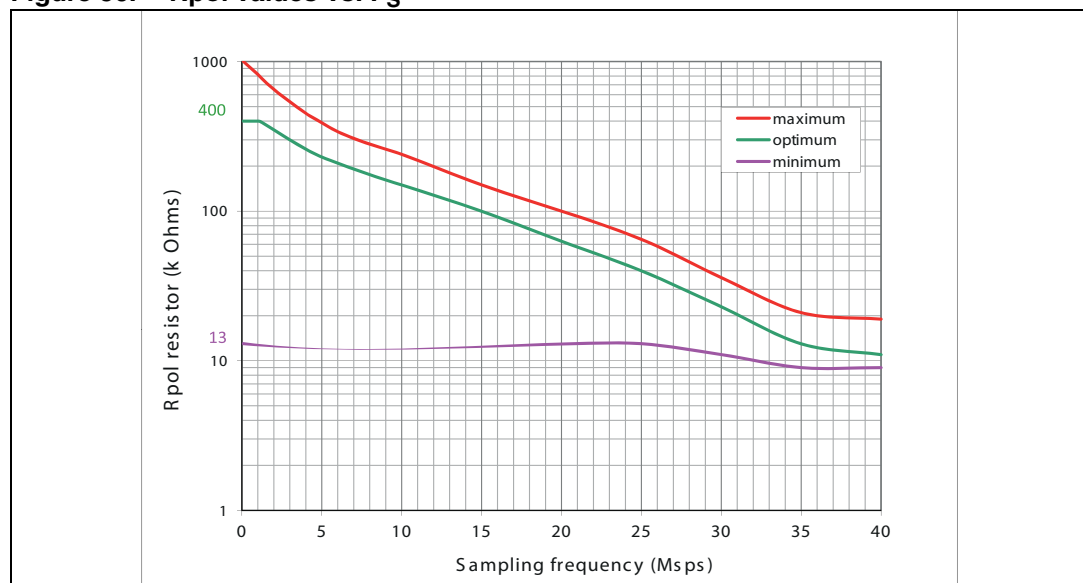
[Figure 50](#) shows the optimum  $R_{pol}$  resistor value to obtain the best ENOB value. It also shows the minimum and maximum values to get good results. ENOB decreases by approximately 0.2 dB when you change  $R_{pol}$  from optimum to maximum or minimum.

If  $R_{pol}$  is higher than the maximum value, there is not enough polarization current in the analog stage to obtain good results. If  $R_{pol}$  is below the minimum, THD increases significantly.

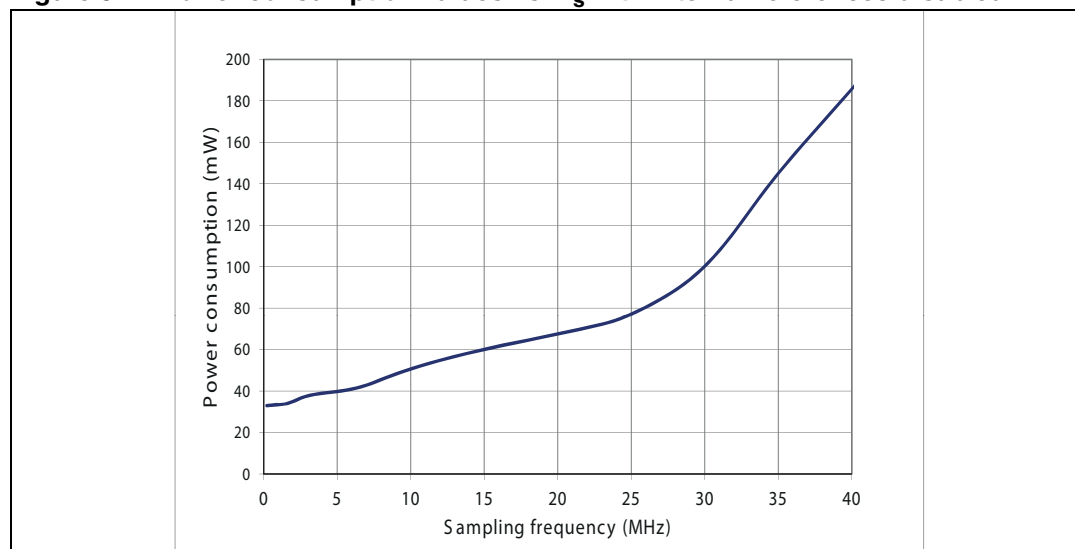
Therefore, the total dissipation can be adjusted across the entire sampling range to fulfill the requirements of applications where power saving is critical.

For sampling frequencies below 2 MHz, the optimum resistor value is approximately 400 kOhms.

**Figure 50.  $R_{pol}$  values vs.  $F_s$**



The power consumption depends on the  $R_{pol}$  value and the sampling frequency. In [Figure 51](#), it is shown with the internal references disabled ( $REFMODE = 1$ ) and  $R_{pol}$  defined in [Figure 50](#) as the optimum.

**Figure 51. Power consumption values vs.  $F_s$  with internal references disabled**

## 3.2 Driving the analog input

The input frequency can range from DC to tens of MHz.

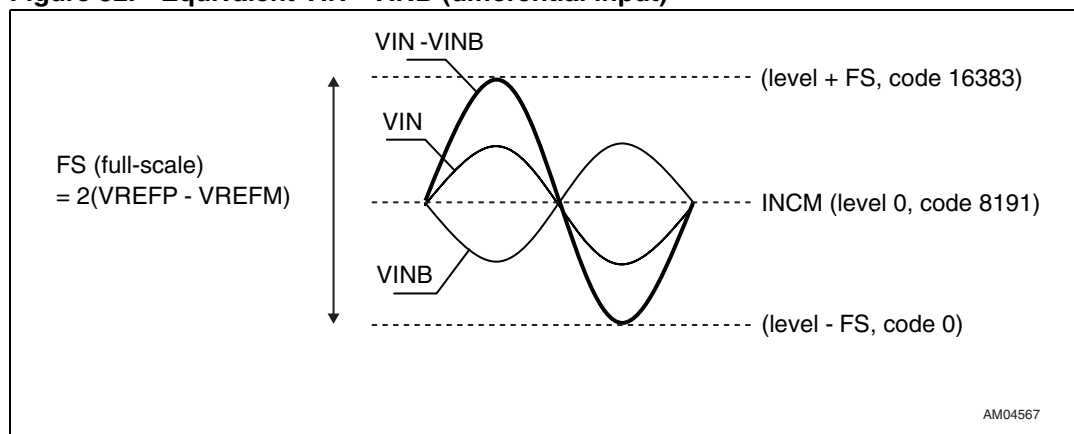
The input stages (VIN and VINB) have a special design that limits the input amplitude. For each of them, the maximum input voltage is 1.6 V for low sampling frequencies and less for high sampling frequencies. The low voltage is ground.

In differential mode, high sampling limitation is seen in [Figure 25](#).

For all input frequencies, it is mandatory to add a capacitor on the PCB (between VIN and VINB) to cut the HF noise. The lower the frequency, the higher the capacitor.

The full-scale range is twice the difference between Vrep and Vrefm.

**Figure 52. Equivalent VIN - VINB (differential input)**



**Table 12. Output codes for DFSB = 1**

Vin - Vinb =	Output code
+range/2	16383
0	8191
-range/2	0

The RHF1401 is designed to obtain optimum performance when driven on differential inputs with a differential amplitude of two volts peak-to-peak ( $2 V_{pp}$ ). This is the result of  $1 V_{pp}$  on the VIN and VINB inputs in phase opposition.

The RHF1401 is specifically designed to meet sampling requirements for intermediate frequency (IF) input signals. In particular, the track-and-hold in the first stage of the pipeline is designed to minimize the linearity limitations as the analog frequency increases.



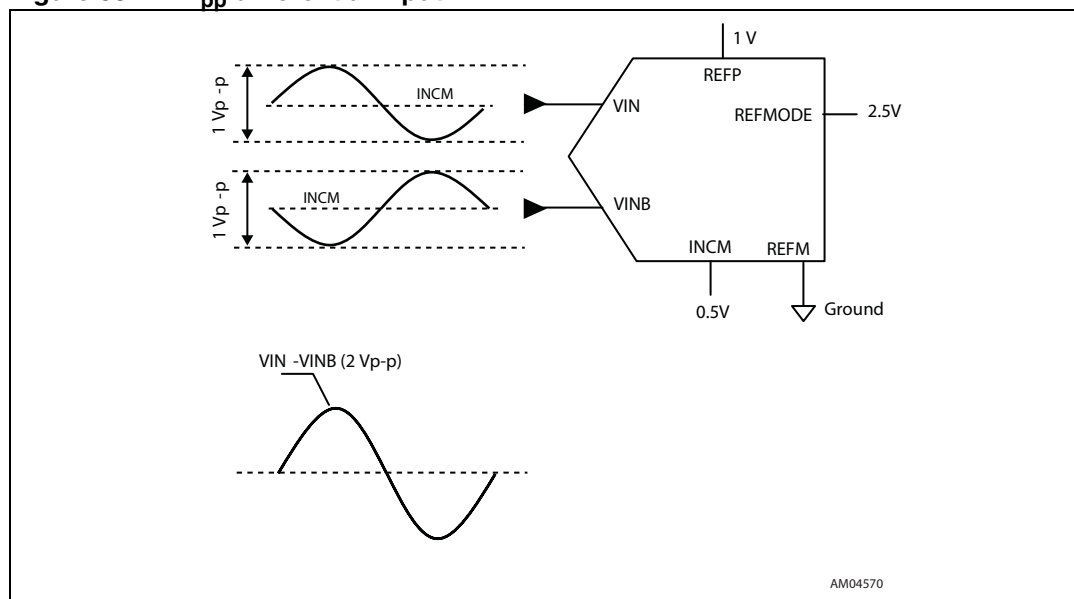
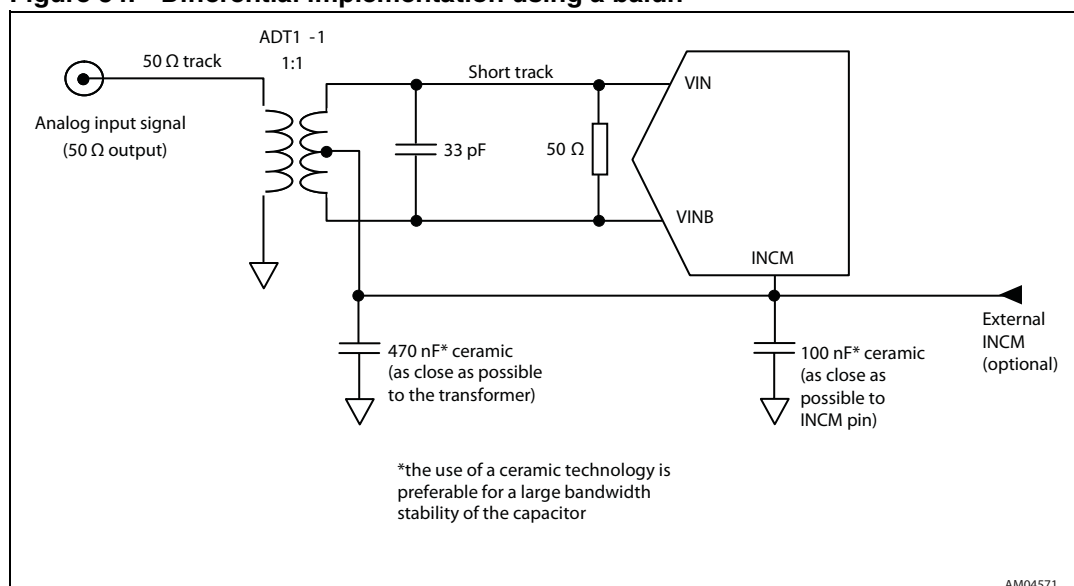
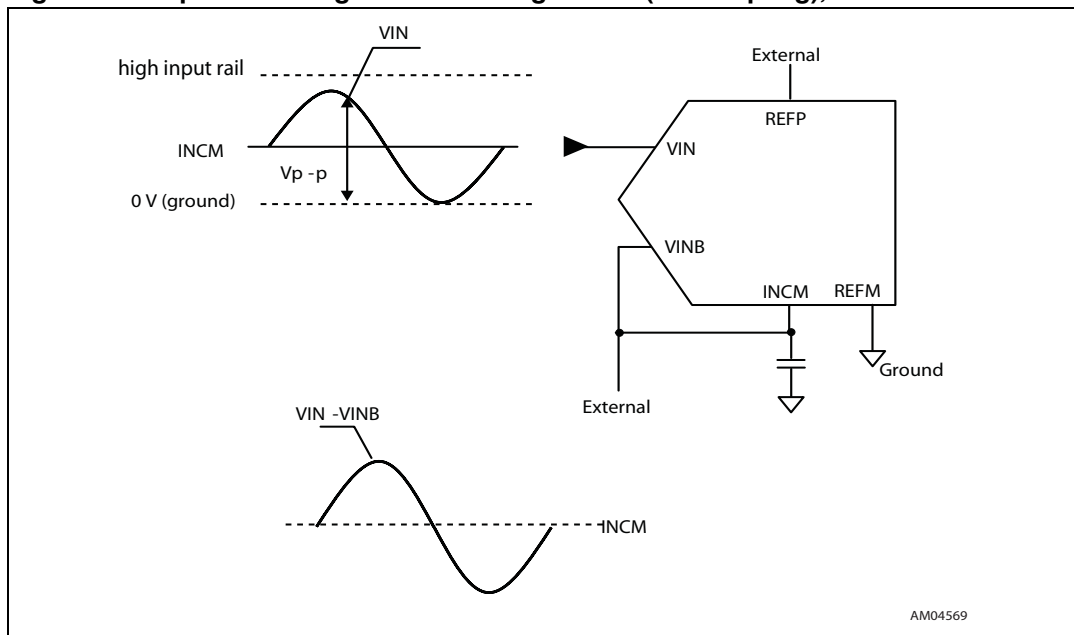
**Figure 53. 2 V<sub>pp</sub> differential input**

Figure 54 shows a differential input solution. The input signal is fed to the transformer's primary, while the secondary drives both ADC inputs. The transformer must be matched with generator output impedance: 50  $\Omega$  in this case for proper matching with a 50  $\Omega$  generator. The tracks between the secondary and VIN and VINB pins must be as short as possible.

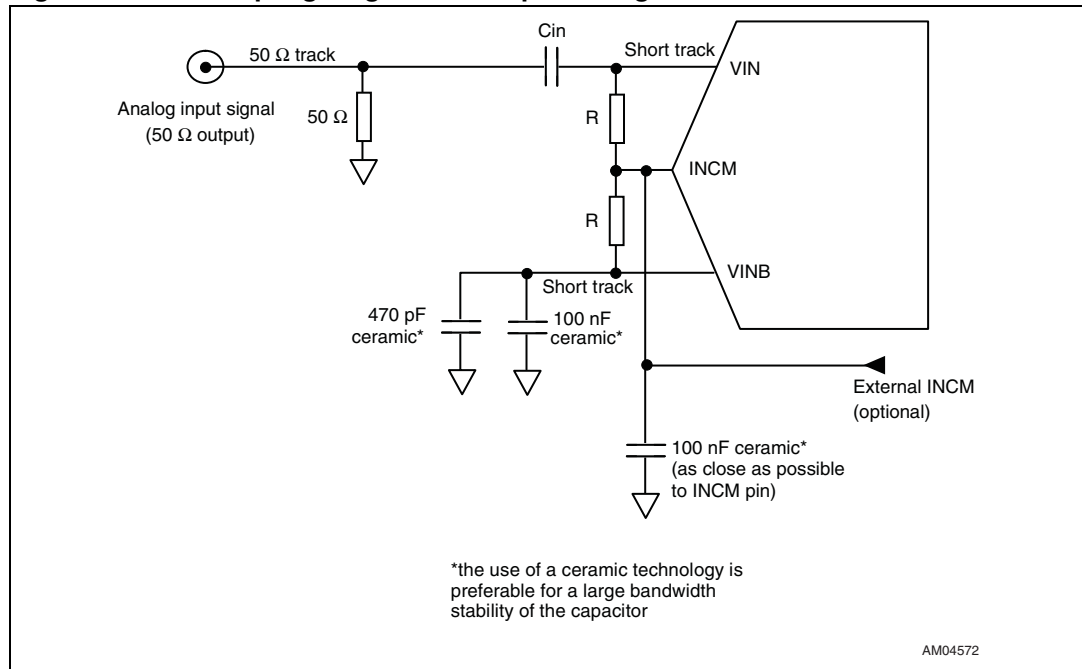
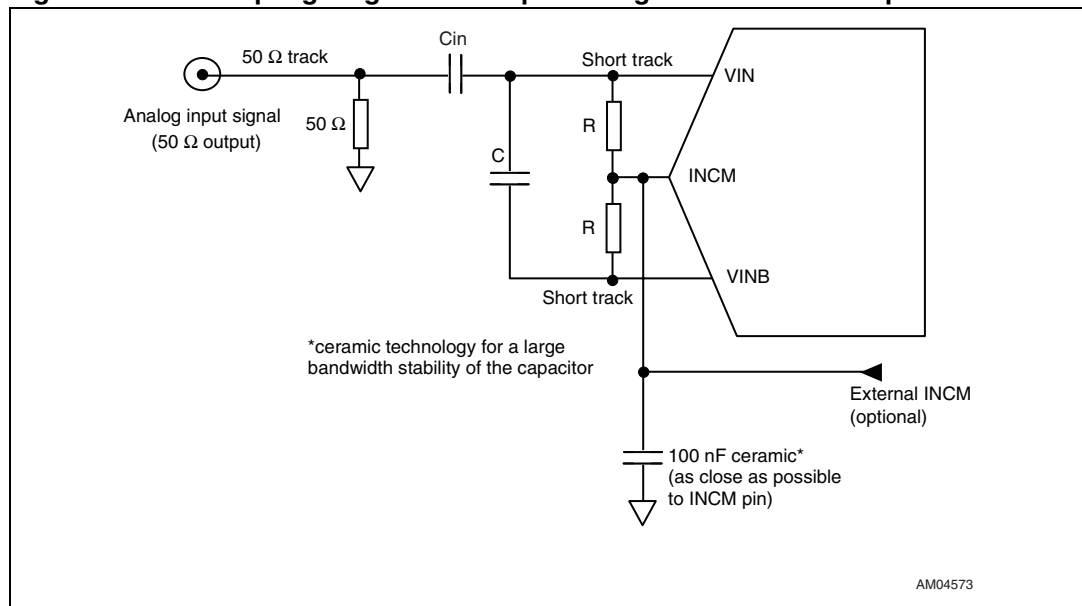
**Figure 54. Differential implementation using a balun**

The input common-mode voltage of the ADC (INCM) is connected to the center tap of the transformer's secondary in order to bias the input signal around the common voltage (see [Table 7 on page 11](#)). The INCM is decoupled to maintain a low noise level on this node. Ceramic technology for decoupling provides good capacitor stability across a wide bandwidth.

**Figure 55. Optimized single-ended configuration (DC coupling), external REFP**

The RHF1401 is designed for use in a differential input configuration. Nevertheless, it can achieve good performance in a single-ended input configuration. In single-ended, performances depend on the input voltage, input frequency, voltage of references and sampling frequency (refer to [Figure 42.](#) to [Figure 49.](#))

Some applications may require a single-ended input, which can easily be achieved with the configuration shown in [Figure 56.](#) However, with this type of configuration, a degradation in the rated performance of the RHF1401 may occur compared with a differential configuration. A sufficiently decoupled DC reference should be used to bias the RHF1401 inputs. An AC-coupled analog input can also be used and the DC analog level set with a high value resistor R (6 kΩ to 100 kΩ) connected to a proper DC source. Cin and R behave like a high-pass filter and are calculated to set the lowest possible cut-off frequency.

**Figure 56. AC-coupling single-ended input configuration****Figure 57. AC-coupling single-ended input configuration for low frequencies**

The C capacitor is efficient in reducing noise at high frequencies. When coupled with the resistors, R and C together behave like a high-pass filter. For example, if  $R = 10\text{ k}$  and  $C = 33\text{ pF}$ , the cut-off frequency of this filter equals 482 kHz.

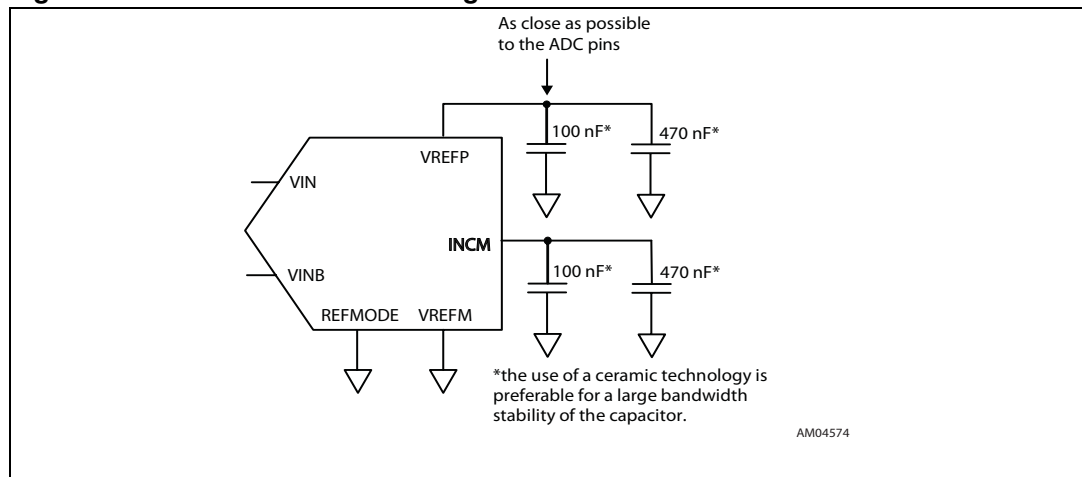
### 3.3 Reference connections

#### 3.3.1 Internal references

In the standard configuration, the ADC is biased with two internal reference voltages. There are two voltage references: VREFP and INCM. They should be decoupled to minimize low and high frequency noise. Both are enabled when the REFMODE pin is set to 0.

The VREFM pin has no internal reference and must be connected to a voltage reference. It is usually connected to the analog ground.

**Figure 58. Internal reference setting**



#### 3.3.2 External references

External reference voltages can be used for specific applications requiring even better linearity or enhanced temperature behavior or different voltage values (see [Table 7: Internal reference voltage on page 11](#)). Internal references are disabled when the REFMODE pin is equal to 1. In this case, external references must be applied to the device.

The external voltage references with the configuration shown in [Figure 59](#) and [Figure 60](#) can be used to obtain optimum performance. Decoupling is achieved by using ceramic capacitors, which provide optimum linearity versus frequency.

Figure 59. External reference setting

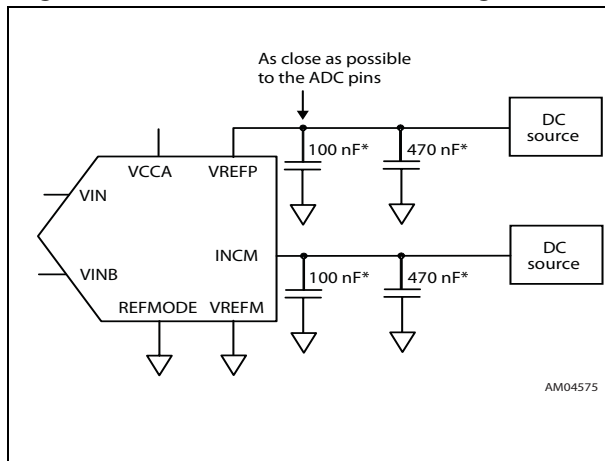
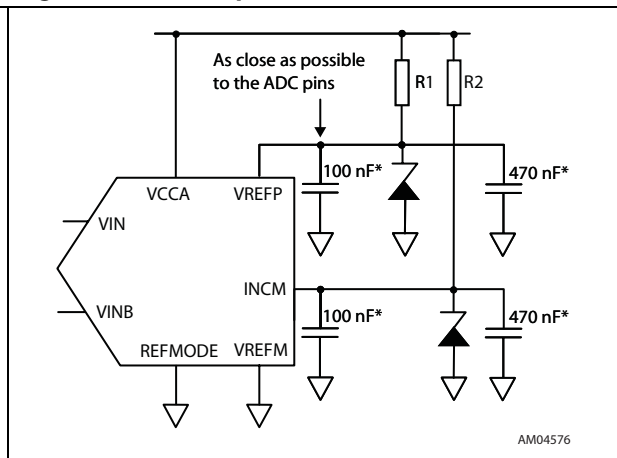


Figure 60. Example with zeners



**Note:** *\*The use of ceramic technology is preferable to ensure large bandwidth stability of the capacitor.*

In multi-channel applications, the high impedance input (when REFMODE = 1) of the references allows one to drive several ADCs with only two voltage reference devices.

The voltage of the analog input common mode (INCM) should stay close to  $V_{REFP}/2$ . Higher levels introduce more distortion.

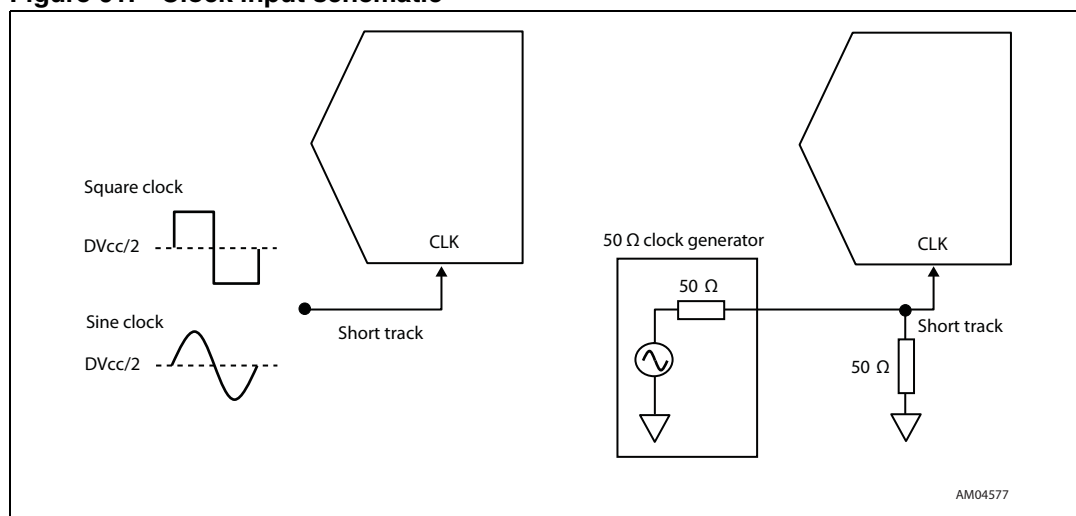
### 3.4 Clock input

The quality of the converter very much depends on the accuracy of the clock input in terms of jitter. The use of a low-jitter, crystal-controlled oscillator is recommended.

The following points should also be considered.

- The clock's power supplies must be independent of the ADC's output supplies to avoid digital noise modulation at the output.
- When powered-on, the circuit needs several clock periods to reach its normal operating conditions.

**Figure 61. Clock input schematic**



The signal applied to the CLK pin is critical to obtain full performance from the RHF1401. Below 10 MHz, the sine clock does not have transition times fast enough to achieve good performances. It is recommended to use a square signal with fast transition times and to place proper termination resistors as close as possible to the device.

The sampling instant is determined by the clock signal's rising edge. The jitter associated with this instant must be as low as possible to avoid SNR degradation on fast moving input signals. To make sure any error is less than 0.5 LSB, the total jitter  $T_j$  must satisfy the following condition for a full-scale input signal.

$$T_j < \frac{1}{\pi \cdot F_{in} \cdot 2^{n+1}}$$

For example, the total jitter with a 14-bit resolution for a 10 MHz full-scale input should be no more than 1 picosecond (rms).

In most cases, the clock signal jitter is responsible for noise. Therefore, you must pay attention to the clock signal when fast signals are acquired with a low frequency clock.

## 3.5 Operating modes

Extra functionalities are provided to simplify the application board as much as possible. The operating modes offered by the RHF1401 are described in [Table 13](#).

**Table 13. RHF1401 operating modes**

Inputs			Outputs		
Analog input differential amplitude	DFSB	OEB	OR	DR	Most significant bit (MSB)
(V <sub>IN</sub> -V <sub>INB</sub> ) above maximum range	H	L	H	CLK	D13
	L	L	H	CLK	D13 complemented
(V <sub>IN</sub> -V <sub>INB</sub> ) below minimum range	H	L	H	CLK	D13
	L	L	H	CLK	D13 complemented
(V <sub>IN</sub> -V <sub>INB</sub> ) within range	H	L	L	CLK	D13
	L	L	L	CLK	D13 complemented
X	X	H	HZ <sup>(1)</sup>	HZ	HZ (all digital outputs are in high impedance)

1. High impedance.

### 3.5.1 Digital inputs

**Data format select bit (DFSB):** when set to low level (V<sub>IL</sub>), the digital input DFSB provides a two's complement digital output MSB. This can be of interest when performing some further signal processing. When set to high level (V<sub>IH</sub>), DFSB provides standard binary output coding.

**Output enable bit (OEB):** when set to low level (V<sub>IL</sub>), all digital outputs remain active. When set to high level (V<sub>IH</sub>), all digital output buffers are in a high impedance state while the converter goes on sampling. When OEB is set to a low level again, the data arrives on the output with a very short T<sub>on</sub> delay. This feature enables the chip select of the device.

[Figure 11 on page 10](#) summarizes this functionality.

**Reference mode control (REFMODE):** this allows the internal or external settings of the voltage references VREFP and INCM. REFMODE = 0 for internal references, REFMODE = 1 for external references (and disables both references VREFP and INCM).

### 3.5.2 Digital outputs

**Out of range (OR):** this function is implemented on the output stage in order to set an "out-of-range" flag whenever the digital data is over the full-scale range. Typically, there is a detection of all data at '0' or all data at '1'. It sets an output signal OR, which is in a low level state (V<sub>OL</sub>) when the data stays within the range, or in a high-level state (V<sub>OH</sub>) when the data is out of range.

**Data ready (DR):** the Data Ready output is an image of the clock being synchronized on the output data (D0 to D13). This is a very helpful signal that simplifies the synchronization of the measurement equipment of the controlling DSP. Like all other digital outputs, DR goes into high impedance when OEB is set to a high level, as shown in [Figure 11 on page 10](#).

### 3.5.3 Digital output load considerations

The features of the internal output buffers limit the maximum load on the digital data output. In particular, the shape and amplitude of the Data Ready signal, toggling at the clock frequency, can be weakened by a higher equivalent load.

In applications that impose higher load conditions, it is recommended to use the falling edge of the master clock instead of the Data Ready signal. This is possible because the output transitions are internally synchronized with the falling edge of the clock.

Figure 62. Output buffer fall time

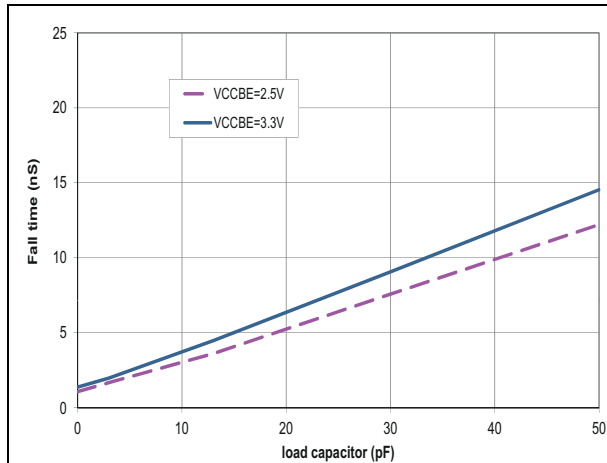
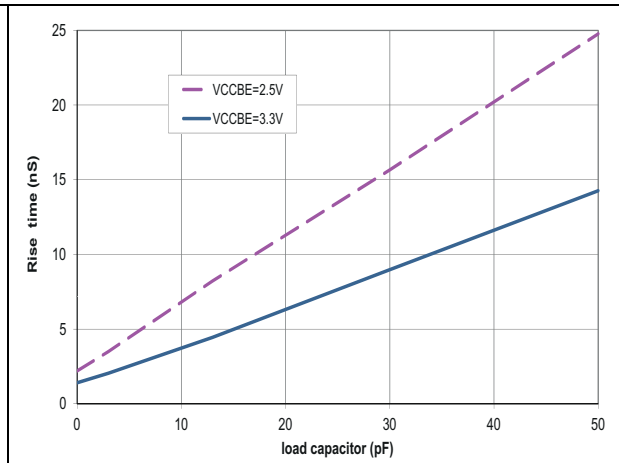


Figure 63. Output buffer rise time



## 3.6 PCB layout precautions

- The use of dedicated analog and digital ground planes on the PCB is recommended for high-speed circuit applications to provide low parasitic inductance and resistance. AGND is connected to the analog ground plane and DGND, GNDBI, GNDBE are connected to the digital ground plane.
- To minimize the transition current when the output changes, the capacitive load at the digital outputs must be reduced as much as possible by using the shortest-possible routing tracks. One way to reduce the capacitive load is to remove the ground plane under the output digital pins and layers at high sampling frequencies.
- The separation of the analog signal from the clock signal and digital outputs is mandatory to prevent noise from coupling onto the input signal.
- Power supply bypass capacitors must be placed as close as possible to the IC pins to improve high-frequency bypassing and reduce harmonic distortion.
- All leads must be as short as possible, especially for the analog input, so as to decrease parasitic capacitance and inductance.
- Choose the smallest-possible component sizes (SMD).



## 4 Definitions of specified parameters

### 4.1 Static parameters

#### Differential non-linearity (DNL)

The average deviation of any output code width from the ideal code width of 1 LSB.

#### Integral non-linearity (INL)

An ideal converter exhibits a transfer function that is a straight line from the starting code to the ending code. The INL is the deviation from this ideal line for each transition.

### 4.2 Dynamic parameters

#### Spurious free dynamic range (SFDR)

The ratio between the power of the worst spurious signal (not always a harmonic) and the amplitude of the fundamental tone (signal power) over the full Nyquist band. Expressed in dBc.

#### Total harmonic distortion (THD)

The ratio of the rms sum of the first five harmonic distortion components to the rms value of the fundamental line. Expressed in dB.

#### Signal to noise ratio (SNR)

The ratio of the rms value of the fundamental component to the rms sum of all other spectral components in the Nyquist band ( $F_s/2$ ) excluding DC, fundamental and the first five harmonics. Reported in dB.

#### Signal-to-noise and distortion ratio (SINAD)

A similar ratio to the SNR but that includes the harmonic distortion components in the noise figure (not the DC signal). Expressed in dB. From SINAD, the effective number of bits (ENOB) can easily be deduced using the formula:

$$SINAD = 6.02 \times ENOB + 1.76 \text{ dB}$$

When the analog input signal is not full-scale (FS) but has an  $A_0$  amplitude, the SINAD expression becomes:

$$SINAD = 6.02 \times ENOB + 1.76 \text{ dB} + 20 \log (A_0 / FS)$$

#### Analog input bandwidth

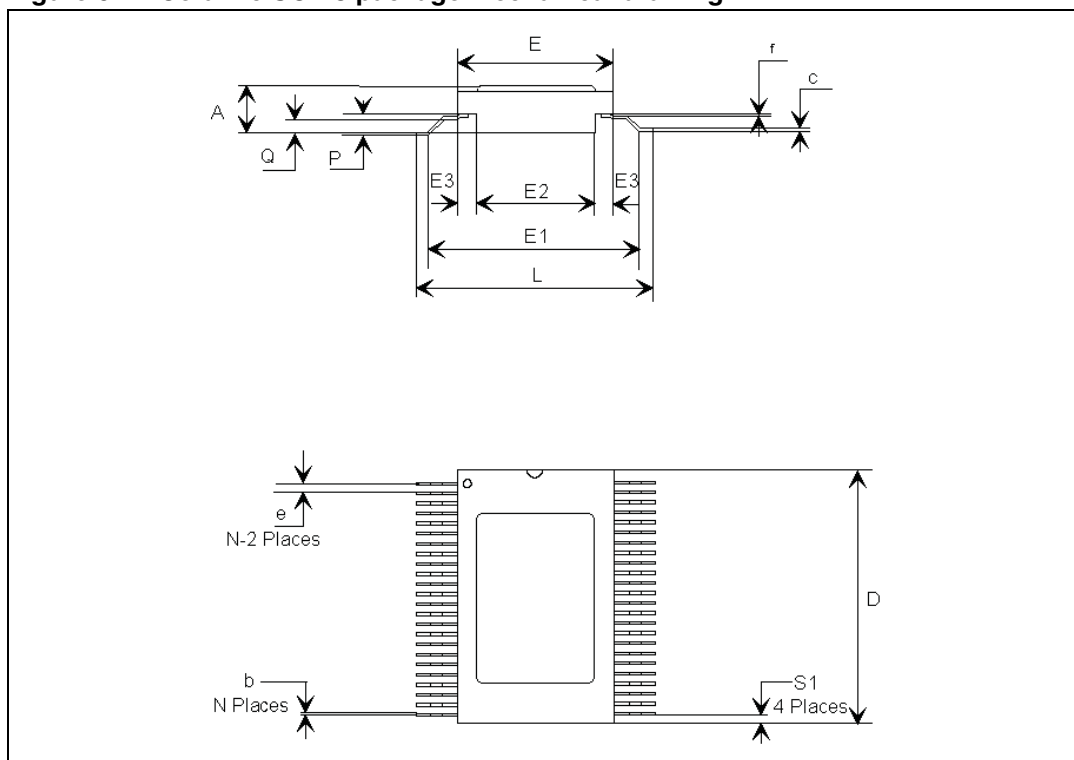
The maximum analog input frequency at which the spectral response of a full power signal is reduced by 3 dB. Higher values can be achieved with smaller input levels.

#### Pipeline delay

The delay between the initial sample of the analog input and the availability of the corresponding digital data output on the output bus. Also called data latency. Expressed as a number of clock cycles.

## 5 Package information

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in different grades of ECOPACK<sup>®</sup> packages, depending on their level of environmental compliance. ECOPACK<sup>®</sup> specifications, grade definitions and product status are available at: [www.st.com](http://www.st.com). ECOPACK<sup>®</sup> is an ST trademark.

**Figure 64. Ceramic SO-48 package mechanical drawing**

**Note:** The upper metallic lid is not electrically connected to any pins, nor to the IC die inside the package. Connecting unused pins or metal lid to ground or to the power supply will not affect the electrical characteristics.

**Table 14. Ceramic SO-48 package mechanical data**

Ref.	Dimensions					
	Millimeters			Inches		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	2.18	2.47	2.72	0.086	0.097	0.107
b	0.20	0.254	0.30	0.008	0.010	0.012
c	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.005	0.006	0.007
D	15.57	15.75	15.92	0.613	0.620	0.627
E	9.52	9.65	9.78	0.375	0.380	0.385
E1		10.90			0.429	
E2	6.22	6.35	6.48	0.245	0.250	0.255
E3	1.52	1.65	1.78	0.060	0.065	0.070
e		0.635			0.025	
f		0.20			0.008	
L	12.28	12.58	12.88	0.483	0.495	0.507
P	1.30	1.45	1.60	0.051	0.057	0.063
Q	0.66	0.79	0.92	0.026	0.031	0.036
S1	0.25	0.43	0.61	0.010	0.017	0.024

## 6 Ordering information

**Table 15. Order codes**

Order code	Quality level	Temp range	Package	Marking	Packing
RHF1401KSO1	Engineering model	-55 °C to +125 °C	SO-48	RHF1401KSO1	Strip pack
RHF1401KSO-01V	QMLV-Flight			5962F0626001VXC	

*Note:* Contact your local ST sales office for information regarding the specific conditions for products in die form and QML-Q versions.

## 7 Revision history

**Table 16. Document revision history**

Date	Revision	Changes
29-Jun-2007	1	First public release. Failure immune and latchup immune value increased to 120 MeV-cm <sup>2</sup> /mg. Updated package mechanical information. Removed reference to non rad-hard components from <a href="#">External references, common mode: on page 16</a> .
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